

BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

2021/2022

16th MARCH 2022

Present - Councillors Mrs. Thomas (Mayor), Mrs. Fairclough (Deputy Mayor), Abdullah, Adia, Allen, Ayub, Baines, Brady, Bullock, Connor, Cowen, Cox, Dean, Donaghy, Eckersley-Fallon, Evans, Finney, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Galloway, Grant, Hartigan, Haslam, Haworth, Hayes, Heslop, Hill, Hornby, Ibrahim, Jiva, Khurram, McGeown, McKeon, McMulkin, Mistry, Murray, Muslim, Parkinson, Peel, Radcliffe, Rimmer, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Taylor-Burke, Veevers, Walsh, Warren, D. Wilkinson, T. Wilkinson and Zaman.

62. PETITION

A petition was received relating to the installation of a pelican crossing on Turton Road, Bromley Cross, Bolton and was referred to the Director of Place Services.

63. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 16th February 2022 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

**64. POLICY FRAMEWORK – PAY POLICY STATEMENT
2021/2022**

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough –

That the Bolton Council Pay Policy Statement 2021/2022, as circulated, be approved.

The Motion was then put to the vote when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 45 viz:

Councillors Abdullah, Adia, Allen, Ayub, Baines, Brady, Bullock, Connor, Cowen, Cox, Dean, Donaghy, Eckersley-Fallon, Evans, Mrs. Fairclough, Finney, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Galloway, Grant, Hartigan, Haslam, Haworth, Hayes, Heslop, Hill, Hornby, Jiva, Khurram, McGeown, McMulkin, Murray, Muslim, Peel, Radcliffe, Rimmer, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Veevers, Walsh, Warren, D. Wilkinson, T. Wilkinson and Zaman.

Against the Motion, 0

Abstained, 0

Whereupon, the motion was declared carried.

65. CHANGES IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Khurram and approved –

That the following appointments and changes in memberships be approved:-

1. That Councillor Donaghy replace Councillor Abdullah on the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
2. That the changes to Committee Memberships, as now circulated, be approved.

66. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING OFER 9(a)

The following questions were asked under Standing Order 9(a) –

- (i) by Councillor Connor relating to the Strategic Asset Management Plan

The Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration

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replied to this question.

- (ii) by Councillor Hill relating to Daisy Hill Train Station

The Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport replied to this question.

- (iii) by Councillor Hall relating to litter in Westhoughton

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery replied to this question.

- (iv) by Councillor Grant relating to the Greater Manchester Annual Air Quality Assessments Report

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (v) by Councillor Heslop relating to the One Stop Shop

The Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities replied to this question.

- (vi) by Councillor Heslop relating to the Marks and Spencer building

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (vii) by Councillor Silvester relating to fly tipping

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery replied to this question.

- (viii) by Councillor McKeon relating to speed activated signs in Horwich

The Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport replied to this question.

- (vix) by Councillor Donaghy relating to Harvey Nursery Collaborative Working Group

The Executive Cabinet Member for Children's Services replied to this question.

- (x) by Councillor Pattison relating to flood defences in Prestolee, Stoneclough and Ringley

The Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport replied to this question.

- (xi) by Councillor Pattison relating to Council services at the Farnworth Hub

The Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities replied to this question.

- (xii) by Councillor Khurram relating to Minimum Licensing Standards

The Deputy Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xiii) by Councillor Zaman relating to Minimum Licensing Standards

The Deputy Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xiv) by Councillor Peel relating to the Clean Air Zone

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery replied to this question.

- (xv) by Councillor Heslop relating to Manchester Airport

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

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- (xvi) by Councillor Heslop relating to the Farnworth Masterplan

The Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration replied to this question.

- (xvii) by Councillor Hayes relating to the review of Special Responsibility Allowances

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xviii) by Councillor Hayes relating to the Planning Service

The Chairman of the Planning Committee replied to this question.

- (xix) by Councillor Abdullah relating to the safety and wellbeing of the Taxi Trade

The Deputy Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xx) by Councillor Hill relating to electric charging stations

The Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport replied to this question.

- (xxi) by Councillor Finney relating to the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

The Deputy Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xxii) by Councillor Cowen relating to a living wage for Care Workers

The Executive Cabinet Member for Wellbeing replied to this question.

- (xxiii) by Councillor Ayub relating to street cleaning

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery replied to this question.

- (xxiv) by Councillor Haworth relating to Living Wage for Care Workers

The Executive Cabinet Member for Wellbeing replied to this question.

- (xxv) by Councillor D. Wilkinson relating to guard rails on Leigh Road

The Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport replied to this question.

- (xxvi) by Councillor D. Wilkinson relating to street lighting repairs

The Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport replied to this question.

- (xxvii) by Councillor D Wilkinson relating to paving work on Newport Street

The Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport replied to this question.

- (xxiii) by Councillor McGeown relating to the misuse of funds for Child Care Provision

The Executive Cabinet Member for Children's Service replied to this question

- (xxiv) by Councillor D Wilkinson relating to the Hulton Park Estate

The Chairman of the Planning Committee replied to this question.

(xxv) by Councillor Walsh relating to the Clean Air Zone

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

(xxvi) by Councillor Walsh relating to the Manchester Airport Dividend

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

(xxvii) by Councillor Rimmer relating to the Strategic Asset Management Plan

The Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration replied to this question.

(xxvii) by Councillor Hartigan relating to parks in the town

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery replied to this question.

67. PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24th February 2022 be approved.

68. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

It was moved by Councillor Khurram, seconded by Councillor T. Wilkinson and agreed –

That the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees be approved:-

Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committees – 2nd February 2022

Place Scrutiny Committee – 9th February 2022

At this point in the meeting, the Chief Executive advised that due to the time, no motions would be debated this evening and therefore The Mayor asked the movers of the motions if they wished for their motion to be voted on without debate or withdraw and resubmit to a future meeting. Consequently, the following motions were then voted on as follows:-

69. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY EVENTS

Motion from Councillor Heslop -

At the full council meeting of 6th October, Cllr Paul Heslop asked a question about traffic management at Remembrance Sunday events that aimed to establish how much the council will be billed in respect of Bolton Town Centre along with the other outlying towns in the borough.

Information received since suggested that whilst Bolton's Remembrance Sunday event is being financially supported by the Council, the other towns in this borough are not receiving the same financial support for their towns' Remembrance Day events and that the events organisers – usually ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen – must pay for their own traffic management.

This Council agrees that all Remembrance Sunday Events - at every cenotaph/war memorial in this borough - are of equal importance. This Council also agrees that the cost of traffic management in the other towns in this borough should not fall upon the event organisers. This Council requests that a PDG is called to consider what options there are for supporting these other events.

The Motion was then put to the vote when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 46 viz:

Councillors Allen, Ayub, Baines, Brady, Bullock, Connor, Cowen, Cox, Dean, Donaghy, Eckersley-Fallon, Evans, Mrs. Fairclough, Finney, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Galloway, Grant, Hartigan, Haslam, Haworth, Hayes, Heslop, Hill, Hornby, Jiva, Khurram, McKeon, McMulkin, Mistry, Murray, Muslim, Parkinson, Peel, Radcliffe, Rimmer, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Taylor-Burke, Veevers, Walsh, Warren, D. Wilkinson, T. Wilkinson and Zaman.

Against the Motion, 0

Abstained, 0

Whereupon, the motion was declared carried.

70. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – VAPING

Motion by Councillor Baines -

Council recognises the harmful impact of advertising on Children within the Borough in relation to Vaping products and will aim to support and promote a tobacco-free and Vape-free Borough in order to protect the current and future health, wellbeing and prosperity of children, families, and the wider community.

Background

Smoking remains the biggest cause of preventable death and a significant indicator of inequalities in the UK. Eradicating smoking is highlighted as a prominent issue in the 2019 NHS long term plan

The Council receives guidance from NICE and what was PHE (now the OHID - Office for Health Improvement and Disparities) on vaping as a quit aid. There is increasingly robust evidence of their effective use in driving smoking rates down. However, people who use vaping products should be supported to use regulated nicotine products and to ultimately stop smoking and vaping completely.

Some products would seem to be designed in such a way to entice children and young people to take up vaping (using bubble gum, gummy- bear and other similar flavourings).

This introduces a dependency on nicotine at a young age, via a route of administration which is not in itself without harm. Additionally, it creates an additional economic burden which given that smoking rates are highest amongst our most economically deprived neighbourhoods is felt most acutely by those who are least well off.

Council acknowledges its share of responsibility to try to ensure good public health in the population by:

1. Protecting children and young people against advertising and against the sale of products designed to entice young people to use nicotine products (either tobacco and/or vaping)
2. Promoting Smoke free environments which will also include the absence of second-hand vape, including playgrounds and other outdoor and indoor venues

Further, that Council should seek to:

- Actively promote a wider understanding of the impact of vaping on children and young people.
- Work with retailers to encourage them to challenge buyers of vaping products for proof of age, if there is any doubt that they are under the age of 18.
- Ask national government to do more to prevent the marketing of vaping products which are targeted towards young people.

The Motion was then put to the vote when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 46 viz:

Councillors Allen, Ayub, Baines, Brady, Bullock, Connor, Cowen, Cox, Dean, Donaghy, Eckersley-Fallon, Evans,

Mrs. Fairclough, Finney, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Galloway, Grant, Hartigan, Haslam, Haworth, Hayes, Hill, Hornby, Jiva, Khurram, McGeown, McKeon, McMulkin, Mistry, Murray, Muslim, Parkinson, Peel, Radcliffe, Rimmer, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Taylor-Burke, Veevers, Walsh, Warren, D. Wilkinson, T. Wilkinson and Zaman.

Against the Motion, 0

Abstained, 0

Whereupon, the motion was declared carried.

71. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – PARKS AND GREEN SPACES

Councillor McMulkin withdrew this motion and advised that he would resubmit it to a future meeting of the Council.

72. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – FOOD POVERTY – RIGHT FOR FOOD

Motion from Councillor McKeon -

We are seeing a crisis of food poverty born out of the political choices and systemic failings created since 2010 which have now reached a tipping point for so many in our communities. The figures are devastating for one of the richest nations in the world and highlight the inequality of the UK in 2022.

Need for food banks is already at a record high. Food banks in the Trussell Trust network gave out 2.5 million emergency food parcels between April 2020 and March 2021, a 33% rise on the previous year. This comes on top of year-on-year increases in need.

This council notes the consistent high rates of poverty across our borough. We recognise the growing concern amongst our health and care professionals of the current situation and the likely exacerbation of poverty figures

through the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and economic uncertainty.

To clarify the local context the following statistics indicate the numbers of households in Bolton who are reliant on state support as of Autumn 2021:

	Bolton West	Bolton South East	Bolton North East
On Universal Credit	11,489	10,373	6,690
On Legacy Benefits and Tax Credits	8,880	7,126	4,495

We also note the Government's forthcoming White Paper in response to the National Food Strategy which reported in July 2021 and was the first independent review of England's entire food system for 75 years. The Right To Food campaign believes that the 11 million people currently living in food poverty must be central to the response from Government.

Enshrining the 'Right To Food' into law would clarify Government obligations on food poverty and would introduce legal avenues to hold Government bodies accountable for violations.

This council calls for the 'Right to Food' to be incorporated in the Government's White Paper in response to the National Food Strategy. We ask the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister to further this request.

The Motion was then put to the vote when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 28 viz:

Councillors Allen, Ayub, Brady, Donaghy, Evans, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Grant, Haworth, Hayes, Heslop, Hill, Hornby, Jiva,

Khurram, McGeown, McKeon, McMulkin, Mistry, Murray, Peel, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Veevers, D. Wilkinson, T. Wilkinson and Zaman.

Against the Motion, 17 viz:

Councillors Baines, Connor, Cowen, Cox, Dean, Eckersley-Fallon, Mrs. Fairclough, Finney, Galloway, Hartigan, Haslam, Muslim, Parkinson, Radcliffe, Rimmer, Taylor-Burke and Walsh.

Abstained, 1 viz:

Councillor Warren

Whereupon, the motion was declared carried.

73. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – RESIGNATION OF BORIS JOHNSON

Motion from Councillor Hayes -

Council notes its severe disappointment in the Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Council further notes that the Prime Minister acted unlawfully, misled Parliament and lied to the residents of our country.

Council adds that while the Prime Minister attended Downing Street parties, millions of people obeyed the lockdown rules, often at huge personal cost. They missed funerals, cancelled weddings and said goodbye to dying loved ones on video calls - some on the very day that Number Ten illegally hosted a garden party.

Council condemns the Prime Minister who has now become a threat to the health of our nation, and for the sake of the country still gripped by this awful pandemic he must resign.

Council calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to Boris Johnson stating that council has no confidence in his leadership and calls for him to resign.

Council resolves that we no longer have confidence in the Prime Minister.

The Motion was then put to the vote when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 26 viz:

Councillors Allen, Ayub, Brady, Donaghy, Evans, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Grant, Haworth, Hayes, Heslop, Hornby, Khurram, McGeown, McKeon, McMulkin, Mistry, Murray, Peel, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Veevers, D. Wilkinson, T. Wilkinson and Zaman.

Against the Motion, 20 viz:

Councillors Baines, Bullock, Connor, Cowen, Cox, Dean, Eckersley-Fallon, Mrs. Fairclough, Finney, Galloway, Hartigan, Haslam, Hill, Muslim, Parkinson, Radcliffe, Rimmer, Taylor-Burke, Walsh and Warren.

Abstained, 0

Whereupon, the motion was declared carried.

74. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – MINIMUM SPACE STANDARDS

Motion from Councillor D. Wilkinson -

Council strongly believes that it is unreasonable for residents of the Borough to be expected to live in accommodation that does not meet the Minimum Space Standards described in the DCLG Technical House Standards Nationally Described Space Standard.

Council notes that despite being frequently raised at Planning Committee, with apparent cross party agreement, these standards have still not been adopted by this Council. Accordingly, Council instructs officers to bring forward a report to consider those standards being adopted at the earliest opportunity.

The Motion was then put to the vote when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 45 viz:

Councillors Allen, Ayub, Baines, Brady, Bullock, Connor, Cowen, Cox, Dean, Donaghy, Eckersley-Fallon, Evans, Mrs. Fairclough, Finney, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Galloway, Grant, Hartigan, Haslam, Haworth, Hayes, Heslop, Hill, Hornby, Khurram, McGeown, McKeon, McMulkin, Mistry, Murray, Muslim, Parkinson, Peel, Radcliffe, Rimmer, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Taylor-Burke, Veevers, Warren, D. Wilkinson, T. Wilkinson and Zaman.

Against the Motion, 0

Abstained, 1, viz:

Councillor Walsh

Whereupon, the motion was declared carried.

(The meeting starting at 7.00 p.m. and finished at 10.20 p.m.)