

Meeting of the Council 7th September 2022 – Order Of Business

Bolton Council

1. Prayers
2. Mayor's Communications (if any)
3. Petition – To receive a petition requesting that the new Thomasson Memorial School be built now
4. Declarations of Interests.
5. Proceedings of the Meetings of the Council held on 27th July, 2022.

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

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6. Policy Framework					
31 st August, 2022	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Khurram	Draft Gambling Act 2005 'Statement of Principles'	That the draft Gambling Act 2005 'Statement of Principles', as now circulated, be approved and replace the current 'Statement of Principles' which were approved in 2019.
7. Changes In Committee Membership and Appointments To Other Bodies					
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Councillor McGeown replace Councillor Priest on the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee2. That Councillor Patel be nominated to replace Councillor Eckersley-Fallon on the Bolton at Home Board					

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8. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(a)					
17 th August, 2022 21:13 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning (Councillor Hewitt)	Councillor Newall	Disabled Facilities Grant	<p>Numerous residents from Kearsley have approached both Councillor Heslop and me in respect of disabled adaptations secured under the Disabled Facilities Grant – DFG. The DFG is locally means-tested but it is far from clear what this Council's rules are about this means-testing. The two most significant issues raised by residents are promises made in respect of the extent of adaptations – that are subsequently never delivered, along with outstanding installation date promises that have not been fulfilled.</p> <p>Could the relevant Executive Cabinet Member confirm the following?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The background to the scheme including whether the cost of the scheme is fully funded by central government, the means-testing rules and the expected service standard for installation from original application – number of days 2. Whether there are Council budgetary constraints which may result in the disabled resident not receiving the adaptations as recommended by the Occupational Therapist/Social Worker 3. The amount paid out under the scheme for the past three financial years 4. Details of the current average number of days it takes from application to the completion of the installation

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					<p>5. Details of the company(ies) used for the installation along with contingency arrangements if that company is unable to fulfil its contractual obligations</p> <p>6. Details of recourse for residents if the standard of delivery/service is below expectations</p>
1 st September, 2022 10:09 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor Galloway)	Councillor McKeon	SATs, GCSEs, Btecs and A Levels results	<p>Would the Executive Cabinet Member join me in congratulating the staff and students of our Primary and Secondary schools on their achievements in this year's SATs, GCSEs, Btecs and A Levels. They have shown remarkable resilience in the face of the unprecedented challenge of Covid and are deserving of our praise. Those of us councillors who have the privilege of being Governors realise the efforts all our schools make to develop the full potential of our Bolton children. I think we can continue to have confidence that our schools provide spaces not only of academic excellence but also of nurture and wellbeing. We rightly celebrate the contribution they make to the wellbeing of our borough.</p>
1 st September, 2022 12:30 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Chief Executive	Councillor Peel	Voter ID	<p>Following previous questions raised at Council about the impending imposition of compulsory voter ID at polling stations for future elections, will the Leader/CE agree with me that there is a very likely danger that many voters will attend the polling stations on election day, unaware of the need for ID?</p> <p>Will the Leader therefore inform members as to what the Council will specifically be doing from now until next May to create public awareness of the changes? Will the Leader/CE state the budget that will be allocated to such important information, that underpins the principals of voter participation? Will the Leader/CE agree with me that the promotion of the option to vote by postal vote should be central to any such publicity</p>

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2 nd September, 2022 09:34 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor Mort	Fly Tipping	<p>Would the Executive Cabinet Member confirm how many recorded instances of fly-tipping there have been in the Borough since increased fines and a crackdown was announced in Feb 2021? And of these reported incidents would the Executive Cabinet Member please also confirm the number which led to successful enforcement action?</p> <p>Would the Executive Cabinet Member also agree to an urgent review of our enforcement / education practices around fly tipping?</p>
2 nd September, 2022 16:01 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Murray	Former Great Lever Library	<p>Would the Executive Cabinet Member confirm when the residents and community organisations of Great Lever area see a replacement community centre following the fire at Great Lever Library?</p> <p>Would the Executive Cabinet Member also confirm the availability of funds from both the insurance claim for the Great Lever Library and from the capital reserves pot as previously allocated for the original renovation project?</p>
4 th September, 2022 13:39 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Donaghy	Future use of Westhoughton Town Hall	Proposals have been released to the public with regards to the future use of Westhoughton Town Hall, which includes the widely promoted idea incorporating coffee shops and restaurants. The information was not apparently not officially released by Bolton Council, but the Leader then had to attend a town council meeting to confirm the plans.

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					<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware of growing public opposition to the plan, which includes a large petition, as there does not appear to be enough space allocated for community and volunteer usage. Disquiet has also been voiced at the fact that the consultation that led to this announcement was only 4 weeks. Should the consultation not have been for 12 weeks as per the Gunning Principals? In addition, only 159 people responded to the consultation, with only 16 agreeing with the restaurant use</p> <p>The Leader has said that 3 principals for future usage covering “civic, community and commercial use” will be applied. Will the Leader confirm that the proportion of space allocated to community use is proportionate to the needs of the various community and voluntary groups, and what methodology of community need will be applied?</p> <p>The Leader of the council has stated that a new consultation will be carried out. When will this take place? Will he give details of how the consultation will be carried out, and how people with no access to IT can take part? Will he ensure that adequate time is taken in the consultation, following the Gunning Principals, and that whilst all voices and opinions matter, the overwhelming views of the Westhoughton community is of paramount importance?</p> <p>Finally, we he confirm that he will attend the planned protest against the proposals outside Westhoughton town hall on the 10th September, and explain his position to those residents attending.</p>

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4 th September, 2022 15:24 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Wilkinson	Hulton Park planning application	<p>When you attended Planning Committee on 24th February you argued that the Hulton Park application should be refused. Presumably that was because you took the view that this was an inappropriate development in the Green Belt, and that the harm was not outweighed by the very special circumstances put forward.</p> <p>Are you still of that view?</p> <p>If you are still of that view, do you accept that, as the development is dependent on Bolton being awarded the Ryder Cup, the best way to avoid the development is to do your best to ensure that Bolton is not awarded the Ryder Cup?</p> <p>Will you therefore publicly state, as Leader of Bolton Council, that the Council does not want the Ryder Cup to come to Bolton.</p>
4 th September, 2022 15:24 p.m.	Council Summons	Comment	Councillor Hayes	Council's Standing Orders	I want to make a comment about the way in which Standing Orders have been applied and also on occasions, interpreted in recent months. I disagree with some of the decisions made and want to share these concerns with full council.
5 th September, 2022 09:00 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor McGeown	Collection of excess recycle waste	Can the Executive Cabinet Member confirm what the position is with regards to the collection of excess recycle waste when recycle bins have not been collected on their usual route due to operational issues with bin wagons.

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					<p>In Westhoughton operational issues with bins wagons seems to be a massive ongoing problem, in particular areas such as Daisy Hill. Some recycle bins have been missed off the collection route for 6 weeks due to 'operational issues', although the recycle bins for the road opposite were included in the collection route. This has resulted in excess recycle waste being left at the side of the bins.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member confirm what decision has been taken with regard to excess recycle waste that has accumulated as a result of bins being missed off a route for 'operational issues' with bin wagons and who made the decision?</p>
5 th September, 2022 09:19	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care (Councillor Morgan)	Councillor Mrs. Thomas	Accrued Debt in Adult Social Care	<p>During the last financial year £3.2M of debt was accrued in Adult Social Care which is 6% of the budget. The overall accrued debt outstanding is £7.573M.</p> <p>As the largest controllable budget in the Local Authority, which is statutory and needs led, how concerned is the Executive Cabinet Member with this level of outstanding debt and the effect it will have on the service going forward, especially as the Cost-of-Living Crisis, in particular heating costs, are still rising astronomically?</p> <p>Many of our senior citizens are 'Asset Rich' but 'Cash Poor' and so competing priorities puts an extra burden on their ability to pay for care costs which in turn allows them to remain living at home independently longer, as they become frailer.</p>

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					<p>Promises were made in 2019 by the PM that there was a plan for real reform of Adult Social Care. This has never materialised.</p> <p>As a council we would ask you to write to the new PM expressing our concern for the Adult Social Care Sector and demanding the urgent action we were promised.</p> <p>There has previously been discussion that ASC should become a National Care Service, integrated financially with the NHS, which would alleviate the substantial costs that arise for those with dementia in particular.</p> <p>We ask you to ask the PM to give this serious consideration as Local Government can no longer continue to adequately fund ASC. This is demonstrated by this level of rising debt and being expected to pass on the burden to residents of additional Council Tax to prop up ASC, which has been the case for approximately the last 6 years.</p>
5 th September, 2022 10:36 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Wellbeing (Councillor Baines)	Councillor Hornby	Little Lever Health Centre	<p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member provide me with an update on Little Lever Health Centre? It has been 6 months now since the Library moved into the new building and to date there are no GP Services yet being provided, they haven't even moved a piece of furniture into this state of the art building and the local community is fast losing faith.</p> <p>Can we have confirmation regarding the NHS/CCG position is regarding the GP Contractual arrangements and an explanation of why is there such a long delay?</p>

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5 th September, 2022 11:12 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor Wilkinson	Litter Bins	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware of the policy of this council of removing permanent litter bins due to massive cuts in local government funding by central government.</p> <p>One good thing as been response of local residents who are litter picking in keeping areas clear of litter and fly tipping.</p> <p>One of the ways to tackle the issue of litter was the community litter bins maintained by residents.</p> <p>Information has been provided that funding for these bins ceased in March 2022.</p> <p>Would the Executive Cabinet Member agree that is a backward step in the fight against litter and can explain to council why funding ceased and what efforts will be made to continue to provide community bins to support the efforts of volunteers?</p>

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5 th September, 2022 11:38 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor Galloway)	Councillor Wilkinson	Historical Sex Abuse Issues	<p>In August in an interview on the Norther Agenda podcast the former North West chief crown prosecutor.</p> <p>Mr Zazir Afzal stated that a number of local authorities were still in denial about the issue of historical sex abuse issues.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member give council that Bolton is not one of those authorities referred to by Mr Afzal and there are no such outstanding cases in Bolton?</p>

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9. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(c)					
None					
10. Committee Proceedings					
Planning Committee Motion to be moved by Councillor Walsh (See Section B)					
Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee Motion to be moved by Councillor Khurram (See Section C).					
11. Scrutiny Committees					
Composite Motion to be moved by Councillor Donaghy (A) Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D) (B) Place Scrutiny Committee (See Section E) (C) Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section F)					
12. Motions Under Standing Order No 4					
(a)	Leasehold Reforms Motion to be moved by Councillor Grant				
(b)	Proposed rises in energy caps Motion to be moved by Councillor Veevers				

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(c)	Current energy bills crisis Motion to be moved by Councillor Peel				
(d)	Council Tax Support Scheme Motion to be moved by Councillor Heslop				