

BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

2012/2013

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

24th OCTOBER, 2012

Present - Councillors G. Harkin (Mayor), Spencer (Deputy Mayor), Adia, Allen, Ashcroft, Ayub, Bashir-Ismail, C. Burrows, D. Burrows, J. Byrne, L. Byrne, Chadwick, Challender, Clare, A. Connell, M. Connell, Cox, Critchley, Cunliffe, Darvesh, Dean, Donaghy, Evans, Mrs. Fairclough, Francis, Gillies, Greenhalgh, Hall, S. Harkin, Haslam, Hayes, I. Ibrahim, Iqbal, Irving, Jones, Kay, Kell, Kellett, McKeon, Mistry, Morgan, Morris, Murray, Peacock, Peel, Pickup, Radlett, Rushton, Shaw, Sherrington, Silvester, Swarbrick, Mrs. Thomas, A. Walsh, J. Walsh, Watters and P. Wild.

**41. CONFERMENT OF THE TITLE OF HONORARY
ALDERMAN OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH
COUNCIL – MR. F. WHITE, JP**

It was moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh and unanimously agreed –

That the title of Honorary Alderman of the Metropolitan Borough of Bolton be conferred on Mr F. White, JP.

**42. CONFERMENT OF THE TITLE OF HONORARY
ALDERMAN OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH
COUNCIL – MR. J. ROTHWELL**

It was moved by Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Irving and unanimously agreed –

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That the title of Honorary Alderman of the Metropolitan
Borough of Bolton be conferred on Mr. J. Rothwell.

(The meeting started at 7.00 p.m. and finished at 7.30 p.m.)

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43. MRS. S. HAYES

The Council wished Mrs. S. Hayes, the former Mayor and Civic Officer, a full and speedy recovery from a recent serious illness.

44. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 29th August, 2012 were submitted and signed as a correct record, subject to Minute 27 being corrected to indicate Councillor Jones moved the motion regarding changes to Committee Membership.

45. CHANGES IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES

It was moved by Councillor Francis and seconded by Councillor Jones and agreed -

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

- (1) That Leader of the Council be appointed to the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Panel.
- (2) That Councillor Peel be appointed to attend the Bolton at Home Board AGM.
- (3) That Councillor Cunliffe replace Councillor Mrs. Thomas on the Council of Governors Bolton Hospitals Foundation Trust.
- (4) That Councillor Morris replace Councillor Sherrington on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

46. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(a)

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

- (i) by Councillor Greenhalgh relating to the Adult Social Care – Independent Review
The Leader of the Council replied to this question.
- (ii) by Councillor Allen relating to Adult Social Care – Independent Review – Executive member responsibilities
The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (iii) by Councillor Dean relating to the Charity Canopy
The Leader of the Council replied to this question.
- (iv) by Councillor Ashcroft relating to weekly grey bin collection
The Cabinet Member for Waste and Recycling replied to this question
- (v) by Councillor Allen relating to cost of full time trade union officials
The Leader of the Council replied to this question.
- (vi) by Councillor Silvester relating to Greater Manchester Police Authority – Former Members
The Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Police replied to this question
- (vii) by Councillor Cox relating to Royal Bolton Hospital
The Deputy Leader of the Council replied to this question

47. PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor A. Connell, seconded by Councillor Darvesh and resolved –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Planning Committee held 13th September and 11th October, 2012 be approved.

48. LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Kay, seconded by Councillor Jones and resolved –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee held on 11th September and 9th October, 2012 be approved.

49. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

It was moved by Councillor I. Ibrahim, seconded by Councillor Morris and resolved –

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

Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee – 18th October, 2012

Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee – 16th October, 2012

Children's and Adults Services Scrutiny Committee – 17th October, 2012

Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee – 4th September, 2012

Joint meeting of the Corporate and External Issues and Adults and Children's Services Scrutiny Committees – 18th October, 2012

50. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 4 – FIRE SERVICE FUNDING

It was moved by Councillor Ayub and seconded by Councillor L. Byrne -

This Council welcomes the campaign of Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority (GMFRA), in partnership with the other Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities, against the unfairness applied to the Government's Formula for the distribution of Grant.

The distribution of government funding, through the Formula, now favours "Shire Fire and Rescue Authorities" (Combined Fire Authorities), and protects London, at the expense of the urban/ regional cities.

Between 2011 and 2013, GMFRA, West Midlands, Merseyside, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and Tyne and Wear Metropolitan Authorities will shoulder around 80% of the cuts compared to the rest of the Fire Services across the Country, Shires, Combined Authorities and London between them will shoulder just short of 20%.

Indeed, six of these Fire Authorities have, perversely, seen grant increases in the last two years.

GMFRA are certain that, if the Formula Grant is not re-adjusted to ensure greater fairness, Greater Manchester will be faced with further damaging cuts, further significant reduction of Fire-fighters, further significant fewer fire appliances, and potentially closures of Fire Stations.

This level of cuts will also have serious consequences for the delivery of Fire and Rescue Services for the people of Greater Manchester and impact on the resilience of the infrastructure of Greater Manchester.

This Council, therefore, calls on the Government to ensure everyone 'shares the pain of austerity' and introduces a fairer Grant Formula model for GMFRA and other Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities elsewhere.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.

51. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – TOWN CENTRE

It was moved by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor Critchley -

Imitation being the sincerest form of flattery this Council welcomes the partial adoption by the Cabinet of Conservative plans to address some of the problems of Bolton town centre by allowing some free parking in the run up to Christmas - measures the Council last year rejected as being unworkable.

Council however believes that much more needs to be done and supports Conservative policy on a range of measures including agreement to call, as a matter of urgency, a conference for all those involved in the town centre to seek ways to address the problems Bolton faces. Coupled to this should be an invitation to developers to address the long overdue development of the Central Street site to create a family friendly area of uses including cinema and other entertainment venues and a range of restaurants, cafes and similar uses to change the current perceptions and images of Bolton town centre and to ensure its long term viability.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared lost.

52. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – HOUSE EXTENSIONS POLICY

It was moved by Councillor Critchley and seconded by Councillor Morgan -

Given that this Local Authority has a Core Strategy, which was adopted in 2011, and included CG3 Policy for “The Built Environment” for the whole of the Borough. In addition the Council has prepared a report setting out proposed changes to the draft allocation plan for further consultation.

Also this year, the Council issued a revised Planning Control Practice No 3 - House Extensions.

Therefore this Council takes the view that it should continue to implement its own recently approved policy for house extensions and reject the suggested proposals recently issued by the Government unless and until any amendments are made to legislation.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.

(The meeting started at 7.30 p.m. and finished at 9.22 p.m.)

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