

Meeting of the Council 22nd June 2022 – Order Of Business

Bolton Council

1. Prayers
2. Mayor's Communications (if any)
3. Petition – None received.
4. Declarations of Interests.
5. Proceedings of the Meetings of the Council held on 18th May, 2022.

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

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6. Changes In Committee Membership and Appointments To Other Bodies					
See Appendix A					
7. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(a)					
3 rd June, 2022 13:51 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Heslop	£150 payment towards energy bills	On 3rd February 2022, the Chancellor of the Exchequer – Rishi Sunak – announced a £150 payment to help households cope – in part - with the anticipated gas and electricity price increases.

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					<p>Entitlement to the £150 payment was to be identified through the use of the Council Tax billing system and payments to be made accordingly with a legal requirement that the payments should be made by September 2022.</p> <p>Although 69,000 payments have already been made to residents who pay their Council Tax by direct debit, there are nearly 1 in 3 households in this borough who do not pay by direct debit and have not yet received their £150 entitlement. Unless this Council acts swiftly, we may find that the £150 payment due to some of the borough's least well off, will actually be paid out AFTER the first instalment of £325 payment in July of the latest government initiative which was announced 16 WEEKS after the original £150 payment was announced.</p> <p>Nationally, approximately 1.3 million adults do not have a bank account and if indicative of the national figure, this represents nearly 10,000 adults in this borough. It is widely accepted that it is the least well-off who do not have bank accounts – the very people who now desperately need help with their utility bills.</p> <p>The online application for non-direct-debit residents finally appeared on 28th May 2022 on the Council's website and both Cllr Newall and I have facilitated Kearsley residents in the application for their £150 payment. However, it is impractical and simply wrong to expect Councillors to ensure that the estimated 1,500 households – that fall into the non-direct-debit payers category - per ward are claiming their £150 entitlement.</p>

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					<p>Could the relevant Executive Cabinet Member provide the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmation of the timescale of distributing the £150 entitlement to non-direct-debit Council Tax payers 2. Details of how the Council will get the message of entitlement to residents who pay by non-direct-debit means including whether this will include a printable application 3. How the Council will facilitate those who are unable to use the internet including whether visiting officers will be made available 4. Whether the Council will be making a facility for cash payments to those who pay their Council tax in cash 5. The actual amount that this Council will receive from the government in respect of the administration of the government's £150 scheme along with how this figure has been broken down into the various methods of ensuring entitlement take-up
16 th June, 2022 09:24 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (Councillor Dean)	Councillor N. Ayub	Investment in Farnworth	<p>There is a recent surge in burglaries, break-ins and vehicle theft across the borough but in particular in my ward of Farnworth.</p> <p>Businesses and private residents have increased security measures, doing everything they can, however, it's very frustrating that businesses in the area are operating with the fear of crime and nothing seems to be done about it.</p>

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					With plans for regeneration can the Executive Cabinet Member please inform us what extra measures will be taken to encourage business and also residents to invest in Farnworth?
16 th June, 2022 10:55 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Mrs. Thomas	Foundation Living Wage for Adult Social Care Workers	At a council meeting prior to the last election a commitment was made by the Leader to Adult Social Care workers that they would receive the Foundation Living Wage, as opposed to the National Living Wage. However it has been reported that the private sector, which the council commissions, is unable to honour this pledge. Could the Executive Cabinet Member inform us why the commitment that was made has not been honoured, and what steps he intends to take to ensure that it is?
16 th June, 2022 11:38 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Donaghy	Globe Works Apartment Conversion	Anecdotal evidence suggests that there has been no activity whatsoever at the Globe Works apartment conversion at Bridgeman Place for over 12 months, neither externally nor internally. Questions have been asked of officers, and reassurances have been given that work is still progressing, albeit unseen! Could the Leader therefore for the record inform council if he is satisfied that works are indeed progressing according to plan and give an indication of the likely completion date?

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16 th June, 2022 11:38 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Donaghy	Former McCauleys building in Bradshawgate	Could the Leader use his good officers, to seek a meeting with the owners of the former McCauleys building in Bradshawgate, to establish what their intentions are going forward, and will he agree with me that the current burnt out shell only adds to the general desolation of Bradshawgate?
16 th June, 2022 11:38 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Peel	Regeneration of Bolton Town Centre	Bolton people are quite rightly increasingly worried, and despondent about the clear lack of progress in the important regeneration of Bolton town centre, with many schemes making no progress at all, despite high profile promises and photo opportunities in the media. Whilst accepting that the council is not in control of all of the issues that affect private sector investment, the council is in control of the narrative that surrounds it. With this in mind, will the Leader convene as early as possible the long standing promise made by him for a full and detailed briefing for all members. In addition, to avoid any more 'broken record' promises, will he further commit to being more up front with the people of Bolton, and let the public know exactly what the problems are, in particular, what schemes are unlikely to progress any time soon?

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17 th June, 2022 10:16 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor Galloway)	Councillor Sherrington	Free School Meals	<p>In January 160,000 more children nationally were in need of free School Meals.</p> <p>Can the Executive Member for Children's Services please inform the Council of the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1] How many of these children came from Bolton 2] Has this number of children in need of School Meals Bolton increased since January 3] Has the increase if any been calculated in the budget 4] Does she think it is time to go back to free School Meals for all our children in the borough apart from those who choose to opt out <p>The Tory Government are looking for ways to get 100% School attendance perhaps in these difficult times for families would this be the right way forward</p> <p>Perhaps Bolton could show the way</p>
17 th June, 2022 13:48 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader (Councillor Mrs. Fairclough)	Councillor Haworth	Events and Attractions in Bolton	<p>Around 300,000 music fans recently attended the large Parklife weekend in Heaton Park, Manchester on the 11th and 12th June 2022. Estimates in Manchester are that this has generated around £21.7m to the local economy. Spending has been on trams, bars, buses, local shops, restaurants, taxi's, local suppliers and so on.</p>

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					<p>To ask the Executive Cabinet Member if, when they are considering events and attractions in Bolton and other parts of the borough, the matter of gaining every opportunity of benefit in terms of people and organisations spending here is made, so that many traders and workers here in hospitality, leisure, retail and transport can get the maximum benefit?</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member say if the income generation calculations are at the heart of the sterling effort going on in all of the events and attractions work of the Council and what progress may we see in the year ahead?</p>
17 th June, 2022 13:49 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Peel	Academy Schools on Council Land	<p>During 2021 and the early part of 2022, briefings were held with Group Leaders and with the applicable ward councillors in relation to the building of 2 new Academy schools on Council land. The sites identified by officers for the 2 new schools were the playing fields at Moss Bank Park, and Haslam Park. During discussions at the briefings and subsequent email discussions, it was made clear to members that the only role of the Council was to identify and provide the land, and if the council was unable to do this then the provision of much needed new schools could not take place, with the consequence of poor facilities for education.</p> <p>During the budget debate on the 16th February, the Leader of the Council stated that “if it’s the case that a new school is to built on an alternative brownfield site (other than Haslam park), the DfE have confirmed that they would pay for the site.”.</p>

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					<p>Following a question, the Chief Executive further stated “we have been in conversations with the DfE. They have confirmed to the officer team and we have had that in emails that they will purchase the land necessary...”</p> <p>The details given to me via an FOI reveal that the email that the Chief Executive refers to was received 2 days before on the 14th February. This email from the DfE states that its existing guidance already makes it clear that “For schemes where the LA are unable to provide a site, or the site proves unworkable, or cost prohibitive, DfE Property Team will work with delivery teams and the free school trust in commissioning a site search and secure a site for the free school trust.”</p> <p>The FOI information subsequently makes clear that the reason for the cancellation of the build at Haslam Park was due to “challenges” with the scheme, and the DfE noting that this “questions the viability of the site”.</p> <p>As this guidance from the DfE was already quite clear, the questions are simple:</p> <p>Why was this information not given to members during all the briefings that members received?</p> <p>Why when 2 such controversial sites were presented as the preferred options for the Council, that generated so much hostility in both Rumworth and Smithills that questioned viability, was the additional option of the DfE purchasing an alternative site not presented to ward members to gain their views?</p>

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					The minutes would suggest that this same 'DfE purchase' option was not presented to the Executive Member for Regeneration on the 19th October 2021 at her decision making meeting that agreed the disposal of land at Haslam Park. Was the Executive Member aware of that this option existed?, Did she take advice from officers on this option before going ahead with her decision?
19 th June, 2022 13:01 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Chief Executive	Councillor Hayes	Voter ID	<p>The Chief Executive will be aware that the all-out local elections in May 2023 are likely to be the first elections in Bolton where voters wishing to vote at polling stations will have to supply photographic ID to be issued with a ballot paper.</p> <p>Can the Chief Executive please inform Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many cases of suspected personation or attempted personation have been reported in Bolton in the last 10 years? b) How the Council intends to make these new requirements known in advance to voters and to ensure that those that do not have photographic ID can be helped to acquire it? c) How much this scheme and making the public aware of it will cost, and how much of this cost will be borne by the Government? d) What steps, if any are intended to be taken to tackle the far more common issue of potential voters who are not even on the register despite the legal requirement to register?

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19 th June, 2022 16:25 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Eckersley-Fallon	Redevelopment of Westhoughton Town Hall	<p>Westhoughton Town Hall has for too long been out of use. The administration is committed to investing in a multi purpose building fit for purpose with community groups at the heart of it.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration please update the council on plans to redevelop Westhoughton Town Hall?</p>
19 th June, 2022 16:35 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care (Councillor Morgan)	Councillor Eckersley-Fallon	Winifred Kettle	<p>Winifred Kettle is a hugely important facility for Westhoughton residents and the wider community.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member please update the council regarding what services will be available to the Community going forward?</p>
19 th June, 2022 17:57 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning (Councillor Hewitt)	Councillor Priest	Planning and Enforcement functions	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware that there is considerable concern about the performance of the Planning and Enforcement functions.</p> <p>One example is an application in the Green Belt that was received by the Council in February 2021, but which despite many reminders has still not been decided. As a result it has now gone to appeal on grounds of non-determination.</p> <p>The officer who has now taken over the case appears to be handling it diligently. However, despite raising this with officers at appropriate levels, Ward Councillors have had no explanation of how this was allowed to happen.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member please give us that explanation?</p>

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19 th June, 2022 17:57 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning (Councillor Hewitt)	Councillor Hayes	Performance of the Planning and Enforcement function	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be very aware of the poor performance of the Planning and Enforcement function. It has been operating at far below an acceptable standard, even allowing for the difficulties presented by Covid and funding cuts.</p> <p>When can Council expect to see this function performing at a satisfactory level?</p>
19 th June, 2022 20:00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader (Councillor Mrs. Fairclough)	Councillor Veevers	Café at Smithills Hall	<p>The Café at Smithills Hall has been closed for quite some time now, depriving the Hall of much needed revenue whilst at the same time the visiting public no longer has access to the kind of refreshments in the sort of comfortable environment that it might reasonably expect when visiting one of Bolton's premier attractions.</p> <p>I was told as far back as 21/08/21 that a temporary mobile food outlet had a licence that ran until the end of October 2021 as "this will allow time for us to advertise for a permanent (internal) operator". However, just a few days ago I discovered that the advertisement for an internal operator has still yet to be posted</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader please inform Council:</p> <p>a) Exactly how long has the Hall been without an internally operated Café?</p>

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					b) How much revenue has the Hall lost consequently during this time? c) Can you explain why there has been such a long delay in advertising the café tender opportunity? d) When can we expect the advertisement to be posted?
20 th June, 2022 09:16 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Manchester Airport	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware of the various problems which are taking at airports including Manchester with disruption, delays and cancellations which is having a major impact on the public some of whom are having their 1st holiday aboard since the pandemic.</p> <p>Given that Bolton Council is a shareholder in the Manchester Airport Group and provided millions in support to the airport to keep it afloat, can the Executive Cabinet Member inform council what action the shareholders are taking to make Manchester Airport provide a decent service?</p>
20 th June, 2022 09:41 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor T. Wilkinson	Train Services in Kearsley	<p>Please can the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport please inform residents of Kearsley if the recommendations of dual train service (two direct trains per hour) at Kearsley train station were approved by the GMCA, and if not, what was their reasoning? A dual service an hour now, with one cancellation, would see travellers at least standing still, instead of slipping back. If the plans were approved, please could you tell residents when they are proposed to come into place? We understand that Northern Rail is struggling, but trains are still going up and down the line, but not stopping at Kearsley.</p>

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					Finally, the restoration of the service on Sundays for Kearsley, Farnworth and Moses Gate has previously been discussed, to this day we still have no Sunday service, did a review take place or a business case made for a Sunday service, and if yes what was the outcome?
20 th June, 2022 09:50 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Donations of Russian Money	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will recall the majority support of council members in relation to the motion in regards to the acceptance of Russian money in donations to political parties and MP's.</p> <p>Can council be informed of the response by the 3 Bolton MP's to the motion?</p>
20 th June, 2022 10:06 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor McKeon	Transport Links in the De Haviland Corridor and Chorley New Road in Horwich	The Executive Cabinet Member will know of the proposal to improve transport links in the De Haviland corridor and Chorley New Rd in Horwich. Would he advise the Council on the positive outcomes his department expects to achieve with the completion of the scheme? Would he further comment on the likelihood of a bid for Levelling Up funding being successful and, in the unfortunate event of a bid being unsuccessful, does the Council have an alternative source of capital from which the scheme could be financed?
20 th June, 2022 10:06 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader (Councillor Mrs. Fairclough)	Councillor Patel	Illegal trade in tobacco and Nitrous Gas Containers	Please can the Executive Cabinet Member tell me about an important issue that people in Hulton, Morris Green and Daubhill particularly raised with me during the recent Local Elections.

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					<p>It has been brought to my attention by local people the illegal trade in tobacco and the selling for human consumption of Nitrous Gas canisters, which was made illegal by Government in 2016, in shops around St Helens Road. Local people openly talk about certain shopkeepers blatantly breaching licence regulation in this way while praying on children in our communities to spread the use of drugs. The results of this are more than evident during several litter picking sessions where I have noticed nitrous oxide canisters dumped in and around the Morris Green area.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member assure me that these issues will be looked into and could the Executive Cabinet Member reassure us that we are getting this serious issue under control through partnership work with different agencies working with the Council?</p>
20 th June, 2022 11:11 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor Galloway)	Councillor McGeown	Schools moving towards Academies	<p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member confirm the position with regard to schools moving towards Academies before 2030.</p> <p>There have been a number of concerns raised with me in this regard for Schools in Bolton.</p> <p>Councils have been encouraged by the Government to set up Trusts to assist with the transition to Academies, it is understood that Bolton Council LEA is setting up a body to handle the situation but should schools in Bolton be joining any such boards, how and when are they being notified/advised?</p>

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					<p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member also confirm what the position is where some Academies are not performing as well as local authority schools, what is the ethos here and what is being done about it .</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member advise what is the position here before schools are made into Academies?</p>
20 th June, 2022 11:52 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Hornby	Little Lever Health Centre and Library	<p>Could the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration please give an update on the current situation concerning the GPs moving into our £5.2m state of the art, echo friendly Health Centre and Library. The Library was opened on the 28th February by our then Mayor Cllr Thomas and has proved to be a massive success with daily visits exceeding 200 per day which should increase even further once the new Health Centre opens and our GPs move from the old Medical Centre on Mytham Road.</p> <p>It has now been nearly 4 months since the Library moved to its new location and the last I was told as Chairman of the Steering Group was we are looking at September at the earliest due to staff issues finalising the contracts and issues of allocations of rooms.</p> <p>I was also promised a full briefing to discuss further, this has not happened so I would be grateful for a full update. Could I also ask that an update on the Coat of Arms which was also agreed to be placed on the front of the building is chased up?</p>

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8. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(c) None					
9. 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).					
10. Scrutiny Committees Composite Motion to be moved by Councillor Silvester (A) Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D) (B) Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (See Section E) (C) Place Scrutiny Committee (See Section F) (D) Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section G)					
11. Motions Under Standing Order No 4					
(a)	Public Parks and Green Spaces Motion to be moved by Councillor McMulkin				

(b)	Marked Disabled Bays Outside Residents Homes Motion to be moved by Councillor Newall
(c)	Asylum Seekers being sent to Rwanda Motion to be moved by Councillor McKeon
(d)	Changes or Extensions to Right to Buy Policy Motion to be moved by Councillor Hayes
(e)	Clean Air Zone Charging Motion to be moved by Councillor Peel
(f)	Review of Primary Care Motion to be moved by Councillor McGeown

APPENDIX A
CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Central Safety, Health and Welfare Joint Consultative Committee (3) (1 Con:1 Lab:1 One Kearsley)

Conservative

Councillor Morgan

Labour

Councillor Donaghy

One Kearsley

Councillor Newall

Education Assistance Panel (3) (2 Con:1 Lab)

Conservative

Councillor Galloway

Councillor Radcliffe

Labour

Councillor McKeon

School Governor Appointments Panel (3) (1 Con:1 Lab:1 Independent)

Conservative

Councillor Galloway

Labour

Councillor McKeon

Independent

Councillor Abdullah

Single Local Joint Consultative Committee (16) (6 Con:5 Lab:1 Lib Dem:1 F+K:1 H+B:1 BIG:1 OK)

Conservative

Councillor Morgan (Ch)

Councillor Cox

Councillor Mrs. Fairclough

Councillor Cowen

Councillor Muslim

Councillor Finney

Labour

Councillor Donaghy

Councillor McKeon

Councillor Khurram

Councillor Atcha

Councillor Murray

Liberal Democrats

Councillor Hayes

Farnworth and Kearsley First

Councillor Sanders

Horwich and Blackrod First

Councillor Wright

Bolton Independent Group

Councillor Allen

One Kearsley

Councillor Newall

Personnel Appeals Panel Membership Pool (16) (6 Con: 5 Lab: 1 Lib Dem: 1 F+K: 1 H+B: 1 BIG: 1 OK)

Conservative

Councillor Dean

Councillor Mrs. Fairclough

Councillor Connor

Councillor Haslam

Councillor Galloway

Councillor Rimmer

Labour

Councillor Atcha

Councillor Donaghy

Councillor Iqbal

Councillor McKeon

Councillor Mort

Liberal Democrats

Councillor McGeown

Farnworth and Kearsley First

Councillor Sanders

Horwich and Blackrod First

Councillor Wright

Bolton Independent Group

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