

Meeting of the Council 12th October 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 7th and 26th September, 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 1. That Councillors Baines, Morgan and Mrs. Thomas be appointed to the Bolton Health and Care Partnership – Locality Board 2. That the changes in Committees/Panels/Outside Bodies, as circulated, be approved					
7. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(a)					
28 th September, 2022 12:31 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Wellbeing (Councillor Baines)	Councillor Veevers	Section 115 of the Asylum and Immigration Act 1999	Members I'm sure will agree that The Cost of Living Crisis is having a huge impact on all those living in the Borough and any help from the government is surely welcome but there are a growing number of people, who through no fault of their own, are unable to access the help they so desperately need.

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					<p>Elected members and council officials are effectively prevented from helping the most vulnerable people in our community because of section 115 of the Asylum and Immigration Act 1999, which states that a person will have 'no recourse to public funds' if they are currently subject to immigration controls</p> <p>Could the Executive Cabinet Member inform this chamber of the number of known individuals in the Borough who are currently barred from any support whatsoever, owing to them having 'no recourse to public funds' as a way of highlighting the scale of the problem in Bolton?</p>
30 th September, 2022 22:08 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (Councillor Dean)	Councillor Priest	Late Night Time Economy	Following a weekend shift with the Police to get better understanding of the situation with the late night economy (LNE) Councillor Priest would like to ask: Could the Executive Cabinet Member set up a PDG with interested Councillors, GMP and Licensing to look at the impact of the LNE in Bolton and how we can improve the situation?
6 th October, 2022 11:39 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Service Delivery (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor Haworth	Provision of more Skip Days	<p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member work with Bolton at Home and other landlords to look at the cost effectiveness or not of the provision of more 'skip days' in neighbourhoods?</p> <p>This would be to help prevent further decline into more uncleanness through dumped waste which is being forecast will likely occur while money to pay for the collection of bulky waste is tight, in the cost of living crisis?</p>

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6 th October, 2022 13:16 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader (Councillor Mrs. Fairclough)	Councillor Haworth	Fly Tipping	<p>Flytipping can be large volume, deposited from sizeable vehicles, into residential areas and be repeat offences. A Fixed Penalty Notice for flytipping offers the offender the opportunity to discharge any liability to conviction for the offence it relates.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member update on this council flytipping enforcement action that results in use of the courts.</p> <p>What flytipping crime is taken by the council directly to court?</p> <p>What flytipping crime is taken to court resulting from the non payment of a FPN?</p> <p>Is it working well in so far as court fines are not coming in at under the FPN fine?</p> <p>At court, if flytipping offenders are required to carry out community service such as cleaning and tidying our neighbourhoods, is the council made aware at all?</p>
6 th October, 2022 18:01 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Grant	Community Asset Transfer of Land at Telford Street	<p>Horwich Town Council requested a community asset transfer of land at Telford Street to provide valuable community space for residents and protect further green space within Horwich from development.</p> <p>On Thursday we were informed that a community asset transfer at this time had been refused as an “informal briefing” had taken place with the Director of Place and the Executive Cabinet Member. A decision was made to push this parcel of land into the next phase which could be into next year.</p>

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					<p>Why is the Executive Cabinet Member after an initial rush to sell the land now kicking this into the long grass.</p> <p>According to the LGA devolution of assets and responsibilities to Town Councils is a preferred solution for most councils and shows collaborative working with partners whilst protecting valuable community assets. Why then is the Executive Cabinet Member now delaying this opportunity for the Town Council of Horwich to do something meaningful with this land.</p> <p>Where is the promise of open, honest, and transparent conversation with the people and their representatives in the Towns such as the Town Council. Why when other councils are seeing the benefit of devolving assets and responsibilities to their parish and town council counterparts does the Executive Cabinet Member and officers seem reluctant to follow suit.</p>
6 th October, 2022 18:01 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor Grant	£1 million additional funding for Highways	<p>In last years budget the council announced £1 million additional funding for highways (£50k per ward) to again be directed by ward members. When asked at the budget meeting the Leader of the Council confirmed that if members wished for the money to be utilised in other areas other than resurfacing, they would be open to proposals, several months later in an Executive Cabinet Meeting Cllr. Haslam was again asked to confirm this was the case. With that in mind ward members for Horwich & Blackrod ward were working together to better utilise this money for road safety on the A6 a project proposed by Councillor Baines for many years and one which we are fully behind. However I</p>

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					<p>understand that at a recent Executive Cabinet Member meeting of Highways & Transport advised that the £1million would now be prioritised by Highways and not ward members.</p> <p>Could the Executive Cabinet Member clarify once and for all how this extra funding is to be spent and advise the various departments accordingly?</p>
7 th October, 2022 13:38 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services Delivery (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor Sherrington	Wind Turbines	Following the Tory Governments decision to open up more exploration for Oil and Gas off the East Coast of the Country making it more difficult to deliver off shore wind. Does the Executive Cabinet Member agree with me that this is the time for Bolton Council to be talking to Blackburn Council about the land between the two Boroughs being used for putting up wind turbines. The Government says they are serious about curbing climate change, so will the Executive Cabinet Member agree with me that this is an appropriate time for Bolton's Tory Council to show they feel the same and will he let us know how they intend to progress with this idea?
7 th October, 2022 13:54 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Donaghy	Lighting on Victoria Square	Following my question to the March meeting of the Council regarding the poor quality of lighting on Victoria Square, there has been no improvement, I am assured by the Borough lighting engineer that immediate improvement is possible at modest cost, would the Executive Cabinet Member please assure me and the council that this matter will be resolved immediately.

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8 th October, 2022 14:07 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Veevers	Woodstock Drive Garage Colony	<p>In February 2021 it was agreed that the Woodstock Drive garage colony would be offered for sale.</p> <p>Following local objections, and realising that most of the land formed part of the Captains Clough Local Nature Reserve, it was finally agreed that the site would not be sold, but that individual plots would be offered for sale to the individuals who rented them, most of whom had expressed an interest in doing that.</p> <p>For over two years the interested parties have waited (mostly patiently) for the promised details. Despite many reminders those details have still not been provided.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member please give a date when the promised details may be available?</p>
8 th October, 2022 14:07 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor Galloway)	Councillor Hayes	Gritting of Roads outside Schools	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will no doubt be aware of the proposed Highways budget option approved to cease gritting many roads from next winter.</p> <p>A number of those roads are outside schools and are bus routes used by children to get to school. What safety advice will the Executive Cabinet Member be giving to affected schools before next winter about potential closures during periods of ice and snow?</p>

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8 th October, 2022 14:07 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (Councillor Dean)	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Cost of ANPR cameras and associated equipment	<p>While the Greater Manchester Combined Authority waits for the Government's decision on the Clean Air Zone, can the Executive Cabinet Member provide Council with information on the cost of the ANPR cameras and associated equipment?</p> <p>Can he also inform Council what is the position of the cameras and their use by Greater Manchester Police given the comments of the Chief Constable at his informal briefing with Members of the Council?</p>
9 th October, 2022 16:24 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (Councillor Dean)	Councillor Atcha	Citizens Advice Bureau	<p>According to data from the Bury and Bolton Citizens Advice, the average per capita payments from local authorities across GM to Citizens Advice organisations is £1.14, however in Bolton this is only 47p. This represents the lowest in GM. Residents of my ward rely heavily on a range of advice services supplied by CAB, and we know that for every pound spent on CAB services, additional cash is generated back into the hands of the individuals and the local economy, as well as creating savings for other areas of the public sector.</p> <p>Can you Executive Cabinet Member explain why funding from Bolton Council is so low, and will he agree with me that additional funding can only be of benefit to the citizens and economy of Bolton.</p>

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9 th October, 2022 16:37 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Warren)	Councillor McGeown	Additional Funds to the Town Centre Schemes	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware that the £4 million promise to Westhoughton, Horwich and Little Lever was the first time that these town centres had any significant levels of investment compared to the vast amounts poured into Bolton Town Centre and that the Town Centres of the townships have had to rely on the drive and determination of the local communities.</p> <p>The Executive Cabinet Member has stated that due to inflation the scheme will be reduced to fit the £4 million</p> <p>Given the additional Scheme funding to Bolton Centre of several million, will the Executive Cabinet Member agree to provide additional funds to the town centre schemes to ensure projects are fully realised as promised.</p>
9 th October, 2022 18:40 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor Ayub	Street Cleaning in the Autumn Season	<p>In the autumn season street cleaning is crucial to keep leaves off the footpaths for hazardous reasons.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member confirm what measures are in place to keep the roads and footpaths clean to prevent risks of slips and trips over the wet leaves and to minimise public safety issues especially near schools?</p>
9 th October, 2022 19:36 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor S. Patel	Asylum Seekers and Refugees	<p>Does the Leader of the Council agree with me that Bolton has done far more to support Asylum Seekers and Refugees to our town compared to others.</p> <p>It's time for others to come forward and do their share. Do you also agree the Home Office made the right decision last week not allowing a local hotel to offer to host hundreds of more families at a time when our services are stretched?</p>

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10 th October, 2022 10:54 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor McMulkin	GM's commitment to be Carbon Neutral by 2038	<p>Could the Leader of the Council please clarify his statement reported in the local media regarding Bolton signing up to the GM's commitment to be Carbon Neutral by 2038.</p> <p>He will no doubt remember that the Climate Emergency Motion agreed by this Council made the commitment to reaching this goal by 2030 and is a central plank of our Climate Strategy.</p>
10 th October, 2022 10:54 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (Councillor Dean)	Councillor McMulkin	Misogyny and Violence against women and girls	<p>In November last year this council agreed a motion unanimously recognising that much more needed to be done regarding misogyny and violence against women and girls. It was agreed to convene a women's forum, led by women by March this year and take initiatives from that forum to make The Borough a safer place for women and girls.</p> <p>Could the Executive Cabinet Member please give council an update regarding that forum and what initiatives have been brought forward.</p>
8. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(c)					
9 th October, 2022 16:37 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Spokesperson for Greater Manchester Police (Councillor Dean)	Councillor McGeown	Bolton Interchange	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware of the operations carried out in respect of ASB suffered by bus passengers in Bolton</p> <p>Are figures/information available from the GMP on the operations which have been carried out on Bolton Interchange to bring under control the intimidation and ASB which bus passengers have been subjected to by mindless thugs ?</p>

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9. Committee Proceedings					
Planning Committee Motion to be moved by Councillor Walsh (See Section B)					
10. Scrutiny Committees					
Motion to be moved by Councillor Haworth (A) Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (See Section C)					
11. Motions Under Standing Order No 4					
(a)	Voter ID Motion to be moved by Councillor McKeon				
(b)	Heritage Action Zone Motion to be moved by Councillor Bullock				
(c)	Regulation of the sale of fireworks and pyrotechnics in the Borough Motion to be moved by Councillor Newall				
(d)	Fracking Motion to be moved by Councillor Hayes				

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(e)		Fracking Motion to be moved by Councillor Silvester			
(f)		Lack of confidence in the Prime Minister Motion to be moved by Councillor Peel			
(g)		Fair Game Manifesto Motion to be moved by Councillor Mort			
(h)		The Government's Mini Budget Motion to be moved by Councillor Hayes			
(i)		System of fair votes for UK General Elections Motion be moved by Councillor Veevers			