

BOLTON COUNCIL

Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Bolton on Wednesday next, 21st October, 2009 at 7.00pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted: -

1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 2nd September, 2009 (See Section A)

2. Recommendations to Council

(a) Motion to be moved by Councillor Morris:-

That the proposed amendments to AGMA's Constitution as set out in the report circulated to members be approved.

(b) Motion to be moved by Councillor J. Byrne:-

That the Council agrees in principle to the production of a Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan, together with the preparation of a local agreement/terms of reference for a Joint Committee as detailed in the report circulated to members.

3. Changes in Committee Membership and Appointments to Other Bodies

4. Questions under Standing Order No. 9(a)

5. Questions under Standing Order No. 9(c)

6. Committee Proceedings

To approve the proceedings of the following Committees:

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Planning Committee (See Section B)

Licensing and Environmental Regulations Committee
(See Section C)

7. Scrutiny Committees

To receive and consider the proceedings of the
undermentioned Scrutiny Committees:-

Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D) (to
be tabled)

Development, Housing and Skills Scrutiny Committee
(See Section E)

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section F)

Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee (See
Section G)

Adults and Community Services Scrutiny Committee
(See Section H)

External Organisations Scrutiny Committee (See
Section J)

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (See
Section K) (submitted for information only)

8. Motions under Standing Order No. 4

(a) Motion to be moved by Councillor J. Walsh:-

Council notes that since the decision of the Executive on 26th June, 2009 to introduce the Contractors framework:-

1. several Bolton companies have either cut the number of jobs or ceased to trade completely; and
2. the OFT has reported on allegations against many companies resulting in financial penalties against several.

In the light of this the Council requests the Executive to revisit the decision of 26th June and examine ways to support local businesses including, where appropriate, those included in the Contractors Framework, to help support jobs and the local economy.

In addition, to help support the local economy the Council invites the Executive to endorse a general policy of local procurement for all Council purchases, both goods or services, whenever possible and requests officers to explore all legal means to achieve this objective and to report on these policies as a matter of urgency.

(b) Motion to be moved by Councillor D.A Wilkinson:-

Council recognises that nearly all elected representatives in Bolton and Greater Manchester now accept that Bus Deregulation was a massive mistake which has led to poorer public transport outside London (where it did not apply), higher fares and increased profits for the bus companies.

Council also recognises that, although it may be criticised as being introduced 12 years too late and being over timid, the Local Transport Act has at least made some move towards allowing measures to be taken towards undoing the worst effects of Bus Deregulation.

Council wishes to put on record its grave concern over a promise reportedly made at the recent Conservative Party Conference that if elected, a Conservative Government would repeal parts of the local Transport Act, particularly those allowing 'Quality Contracts'. It believes that this would be a mistaken policy, negating attempts to improve bus services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'S. R. HarriSS'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the bottom.

SEAN HARRISS
Chief Executive
Town Hall, Bolton

14th October, 2009.

The proceedings of the Executive and Executive Member Portfolio meetings from 24th August, 2009 to 1st October, 2009, together with the proceedings of the Audit Committee are included, for information only, in a separate volume.

