

Meeting Of The Council 2nd September, 2009 - Order Of Business

Bolton Council

1. Prayers
2. Mayor's Communications (if any) and fire evacuation procedure.
3. Petitions – to receive petitions from residents of Claypool Road regarding parking issues in the area.
4. Proceedings of the Meetings of the Council Held on 8th July, 2009.

Motions, Amendments And Questions Of Which Notice Has Been Given And Items Upon Which Comment Will Be Made

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5. Constitution					
25 th August, 2009	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Morris	Quarterly report on Executive decisions	That the quarterly report on Executive decisions made under the special urgency provisions of the Access to Information Regulations be noted.

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25 th August, 2009	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Morris	New Executive Arrangements	That the Council agrees the report and timetable for consultation arrangements and implementation of the new Executive arrangements as contained in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
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6. Policy Framework

25 th August, 2009	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Peel	Food Service Plan.	That the Food Service Plan 2009/10 be approved
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7. Changes In Committee Membership And Appointments To Other Bodies

Motion to be moved by Councillor White (see Appendix A).

8. Questions/Comments Under Standing Order 9(a)

28 th August, 2009 02.15 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Children's Services	Councillor J. Silvester	Pre School Children - Condition of teeth	<p>Given the arguments for flouridation of water supplies in relation to pre school children.</p> <p>What steps are the Council taking to work with partners to establish the actual percentage of this years intake of five year olds (some 3538 children) to local schools have decayed or missing teeth greater than the national average of 1.5? Does the Executive Member agree that to flouridate water for our whole local population of over 265,000 to protect less than 1.5% is not sensible or cost effective, especially as there are other means of prevention known to mothers? Would it not</p>
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1 st September , 2009 20.53 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Children's Services	Councillor Chadwick	School Places in Westhoughton and the Borough.	be more sensible to target those children most at risk via other joint strategies? Could the Executive Member please clarify the situation regarding school places and various school buildings in the Borough which were featured in the Bolton News and on Tower FM Tuesday 26 th August, 2009. Are there sufficient places available in the Westhoughton area to meet the demand and in the Borough as a whole?
1 st September , 2009 20.53 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Children's Services	Councillor Chadwick	Improvement Rates in Exam Results	Would the Executive Member agree with me that we should applaud the hard work and effort by the Head Teacher Phil Hart, his team and pupils at Westhoughton High School, which have resulted in both GCSE and 'A' Levels showing one of the highest improvement rates in the Borough. In addition the whole Borough continues to maintain and improve standards and this is to be welcomed.
1 st September , 2009 20.53 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Cleaner, Greener, Safer.	Councillor Chadwick	Fly Posting	Would the Executive Member please explain what can be done to prevent the whole Borough becoming one giant fly posting board, with housing developers and others fly posting street furniture? Why, having issued warning to developers, do we then fail to prosecute them when they repeat the offence eight months later?
2 nd September , 2009 07.33 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Environmental Services	Councillor Hayes	Defects in the Borough's Roads and Pavements – Amounts Paid to Claimants.	Will the Executive Member please inform Council of the total amount paid out to claimants on behalf of the Council for slips, trips and other accidents judged to be caused by defects in the Borough's roads

and pavements in the most recent year for which figures are available?
 “Will he also please inform Council of the amount of insurance premium for this risk paid by the Council in the same period?”

1 st September , 2009 20.53 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Housing, Neighbourhoods and Regulation.	Councillor Chadwick	Homebuy Direct Scheme	On Wednesday 26 th August, 2009 an article appeared in the Property Guide in the Bolton News. The article contained complimentary remarks from two of my Westhoughton elected member opposition colleagues regarding the Government Homebuy Direct Scheme. Would the Executive Member agree with me that this is extremely unusual for praise to be given to a Government initiative by opposition parties, to a scheme which tries to help people onto the property ladder?
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1 st September, 2009 20.53 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Chairman of the Planning Committee	Councillor Chadwick	TPO's Relating to Trees on Cricketers Way	Please may I have an assurance that the line of trees in front of the proposed supermarket on Cricketers Way are subject to Tree Preservation Orders and that they will not be either removed or pruned in anyway to facilitate a better vista of the store?
2 nd September	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council	Councillor Hayes	Page 4 of 9 Yes TPO's Relating to Trees on Cricketers Way	The Leader will remember that in March this year Council unanimously backed a Motion

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to support the campaign for the Ukrainian Holodomore of 1932/33 to be recognised as genocide. The Leader will also doubtless be aware that the Government has replied to the petition by the UK's Ukrainian community to the effect that it will not do that because 'the evidence is not sufficiently unequivocal'.

"Does the Leader share my incredulity at that response in view of the evidence that food was deliberately confiscated by communist activists on Stalin's orders, evidence that the borders of the Ukraine were deliberately closed (again on Stalin's orders) to prevent escape, and evidence that between 6 million and 10 million people died as a result?

"Will the Leader bring the Council's resolution and the unsatisfactory nature of the Government's response to the Petition to the attention of the Borough's MPs and ask them to try to get the Government to review its response?

"Will the Leader also confirm that, whatever the outcome of this action, the suffering of the Ukrainian people in 1932/33 will continue to be remembered in Bolton along with other genocides?"

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Council
Summons

Question to the
Executive Member
Housing,
Neighbourhoods and
Regulation.

Councillor J,
Walsh

Council Policy on
Enforcement and
Prosecutions

The Executive Member will, I am sure, agree with me that transparency and equity should be the hallmarks of Council policy.

Will he therefore agree to bring a report to the appropriate PDG setting out how decisions on enforcement and prosecutions are determined to enable members and the

public to understand the process and to avoid any suggestions of dual standards when, for example, in what may appear to be similar cases one defendant is issued with a caution whilst another is prosecuted in the Magistrates Court resulting in a fine of £1,000 with costs of £1,000 and 6 penalty points on his driving licence?

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9. Questions/Comments Under Standing Order 9(c)					
28 th August 00.17am, 2009	Council Summons	Question to the spokesperson for Greater Manchester Fire and Civil Defence Authority	Councillor J. Silvester	Fire Stations – DDA Compatability	<p>The Bolton Liberal Democrat group congratulate the GMFRA on it's modernisation programme for the Greater Manchester fire stations to comply with the disability discrimination act (DDA) for both staff and visitors.</p> <p>Could the GMFRA spokesperson please outline exactly what improvements for the DDA will be made at each of the four Bolton stations, and when?</p>

Planning Committee

Motion to be moved by Councillor Connell **(See Section B)**.

Licensing And Environmental Regulation Committee

Motion to be moved by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough **(See Section C)**.

11. Scrutiny Committees

Composite Motion to be moved by Councillor Greenhalgh

(A) Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D)

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

2 nd September , 2009 08.49 am	Page E8, Minute 13 Resolution (ii)	Amendment	Councillor J. Walsh	The Economic Downturn and Bolton's Position in Relation to the Housing Market	Delete all words after "Committee" and add; "next meeting of the Committee setting out why in 2004/2005 for the first time the levels of unemployment in Bolton exceeded the rates for the North West and why unemployment in Bolton has consistently remained above the North West rate since then".
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(C) Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section F)

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Minute 15 (a)

Councillor J.
Walsh

Annual Work
Programme

That the report to be considered at a future meeting of the Committee on examination results, as requested in the Work Programme, also addresses issues including why, at KS4, including English and Maths, as few as 1 pupil in 6 achieved 5 A*-C passes and why results in other schools have fallen from previous years..

(D) Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section G)

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Question to the
Executive Member
Environmental
Services

Councillor R.
Silvester

Members Business

In a recent Lib Dem Leaflet it is stated that the Labour Executive Member complained 'Smithills was getting a lot of money spent on its roads'. Can the Executive Member confirm that he has made no such complaint and that the Lib Dems are deliberately misleading Smithills residents with untruthful information?

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Comment

Councillor J.
Walsh

Environmental
Services – Final Outturn
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(E) Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section H)

(F) External Organisations Scrutiny Committee (See Section J)

(G) Health Overview And Scrutiny Committee (See Section K) – *To note*

Composite Motion to be moved by Councillor Mrs Thomas

Appendix A

Meeting Of The Council – 2nd September, 2009

Changes In Committee Membership And Appointments To Other Bodies

Moved by Councillor White and Seconded by Councillor Shaw

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

- (1) That Councillor Spencer replace Councillor Williamson on the Rishton and Seddons Charity