

Meeting of the Council 25th August 2021 – Order Of Business

Bolton Council

1. Prayers
2. Mayor's Communications (if any)
3. Tributes to the Leader of the Council Councillor David Greenhalgh
4. Declarations of Interests.
5. Proceedings of the Meeting of the Council held on 23rd June and 28th July, 2021.

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

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6. Recommendation to Council					
18th August, 2021	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Mrs. Fairclough	Appointment of the Leader of the Council	That Councillor Cox be appointed Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2022 or until such times as the Council removes him from office.
7. Changes In Committee Membership and Appointments To Other Bodies					
That Councillor Veevers be appointed to the Bolton Active Travel Forum in place of Councillor D. Wilkinson					

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8. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(a)					
11 th August, 2021 22:48 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Haworth	Life Enhancing Changing Places Toilets	What application has been made by Bolton Council for finance from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to improve the provision in the Borough of life enhancing changing places toilets, known as CPT's? Could the Executive Cabinet Member explain if there is enough provision in the Borough of larger accessible public toilets for disabled adults and for families with disabled children or not? And if the supply of curtains, space for carers and hoists is adequate or not, in the provision of public toilets in the Borough?
19 th August, 2021 09:56 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council	Councillor Peel	Home working	<p>Will the Leader join me in commending and thanking the staff of Bolton Council, who despite all of the challenges that the Covid crisis has brought us, have continued to do their best to maintain our services, with many staff seconded to or taking on additional community support roles.</p> <p>We appreciate the fact that some Covid challenges remain and we need to re-evaluate home working to ensure we continue to see all core council business delivered, obtain the best of the new arrangements whilst ensuring the welfare and wellbeing of our staff is maintained.</p>

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					<p>Will the Leader agree with me that the time has now come to ensure we have a robust set of arrangements detailed which allow us to ensure an appropriate balance between physical presence, smart use of employee time and productive working?</p>
<p>23rd August, 2021 05:06 am</p>	<p>Council Summons</p>	<p>Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning (Councillor Hewitt)</p>	<p>Councillor Hayes</p>	<p>Planning Service</p>	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will no doubt be aware of a notice which has recently started to appear on the Planning Website and the daily list of planning applications:</p> <p>‘Due to the unprecedented demand on the planning service over recent months there is a significant pressure on resources. This is resulting in delays to the validation, assessment and determination of applications within the usual timeframes. Furthermore our capacity to investigate enforcement complaints within the usual timeframes is also significantly affected.’</p> <p>Was the Executive Cabinet Member aware of this notice and authorise it before it was posted? If so, why were Members of the Council not informed before it appeared?</p> <p>Does the Executive Cabinet Member agree that this implies that the Council will fail to meet some of its statutory responsibilities in relation to planning, and in turn is vulnerable to claims for non-determination being made against the Council?</p>

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					<p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member explain why this situation has arisen? Is it due to Government cuts to funding, incompetence or other failings within the organisation or due to some other reason?</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member explain what action he is proposing the remedy the situation?</p>
23 rd August, 2021 11:58 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning (Councillor Hewitt)	Councillor Abdullah	Planning Application Process	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member should be aware of the long delay in the planning application process, leading to a growing backlog of cases to be dealt with. Will the Executive Cabinet Member work with officers to investigate the reasons for this, and implement changes to bring about an improvement to this situation. In addition, will the Executive Cabinet Member also investigate the growing problem of lack of pre application advice for minor applications. This is leading to a growing number of minor applications refused, when informal advice, practicing service orientated customer care, could instead have brought about improved outcomes for both the applicant and the LPA.</p>

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23 rd August, 2021 09:25 am	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council	Councillor Hornby	Refugees and Asylum Seekers	<p>Could the Leader of the Council update the Council on our current situation concerning Refugees and Asylum seekers within our Borough.</p> <p>Over the years Bolton along with Rochdale has played a significant roll and should be very proud of what it has done to help the people coming from other parts of the world resettle in our town.</p> <p>However, as we see that the UK must step up yet again what steps is he making to ensure that Bolton doesn't once again become one of the areas that ends up taking the highest numbers. Bolton has played its part it's time for other areas not Bolton to do their bit.</p> <p>Could I also ask that pressure is put on the Government to ensure that the South of England does its bit and in particular the Shire Counties which in some cases in the past have not participated at all.</p>
23 rd August, 2021 09:25 am	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council	Councillor Hornby	Repairs and Restoration of the Town Hall	<p>Could I ask what the situation is to date on the repairs and restoration of the Town Hall frontage and how long before we see this magnificent building free from scaffolding and looking as it should do.</p>
23 rd August, 2021 09:43 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery (Councillor Warren)	Councillor McMulkin	Flytipping and Contaminated Recycling Bins	<p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery update Members on the Council's strategy to address the ever-growing problem of flytipping and contaminated recycling bins which, when not emptied, result in additional flytipping that blights the Borough's streets and greenspaces?</p>

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23 rd August, 2021 09:43 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor Ismail	CCTV cameras	For the past 2 years, Crompton Ward Councillors have earmarked £15,000 of their Area Forum monies for the purchase of mobile CCTV cameras. I am led to believe others Wards may have done the same. The allocation was a direct response to the numerous complaints of anti-social behaviour, drug use and fly-tipping reported to Ward Councillors on a weekly, if not daily, basis. Nearly 2 years on, we are still waiting for a response regarding our request to purchase CCTV cameras. Our Neighbourhood Manager has chased for a response multiple times only to be told that a decision has still not been made. We are all accountable to the residents of the Borough and it is not unreasonable to expect a timely response to requests for measures that would go some way to backing up the talk that we take these issues seriously.
23 rd August, 2021 10:18 am	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Naming of New Streets	Will the Executive Cabinet Member carry out a policy review of the naming of new streets. Recently developers in Westhoughton have put forward names like Pampas, Lotus, Freesia and hyacinth. Many developers are failing to use names which respect and represent the geographical, locality and historical features of our communities.

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23 rd August, 2021 10:21 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Report on the failings of Greater Manchester Police	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware of the secret report into the failings of Greater Manchester Police which cost £300,000 of taxpayers money.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member inform council what efforts have been made to Persuade the Mayor to publish this report so the public are made aware of what the problems are in GMP.</p> <p>Unless the Mayor is fully honest with the public about the issues in the report there will be real concerns about the effectiveness of GMP.</p>
23 rd August, 2021 11:59 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Jiva	Refuse Collection Teams	<p>In essence my question to the portfolio holder of Environmental services is can we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request the refuse collection staff to ask owners of the obstructing vehicles to move their vehicles to allow for the bins to be collected. I do, however, understand that this will not always alleviate this issue so in respect to repeat offenders and where vehicles are not moved at the request of the council employees, can we then apply a stricter line; • Whereby there is some form of penalty charge applied to the repeat offenders/ obturate residents who are creating issues for both their neighbours and the council refuse collection teams.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you ensure that the refuse collection teams strive to maintain high standards in respect to meeting the collection timetable as no doubt the cost around re visiting would be significant, when the budgets have reduced.
23 rd August, 2021 12:00 noon	Council Summons	Question Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor Mistry	Cycle Track	<p>I am sure the Executive Cabinet Member will wish to join me in congratulating Jason Kenny on his continued sporting success, and that the Council will wish to honour him in an appropriate way.</p> <p>One such honour could be to relook at available funding pots for the provision of a cycle track for the people of this borough who have been inspired by Jason. As Jason is a Farnworth lad, will the Executive Cabinet Member look at investigating the availability and feasibility of a site in the Farnworth area, such as Harper Green Playing Fields, for such a cycle track.</p>
9. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(c)					
11 th August, 2021 22:50 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Spokesperson for Greater Manchester Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor Haworth	Cycle Hub Membership Scheme	<p>There is a cycle hub membership scheme in Bolton town centre at the Interchange. Why are the doors chronically broken? What is the service standard regarding the doors and other matters a member of the cycle hub should expect? How are cycle hub members supposed to enter the cycle hub if the doors are faulty? Can the TFGM staff let them in? There are reports from resident members that they are unable to find staff to help and assist them. Does the Executive Cabinet</p>

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					Member feel that residents of the Borough should have instead to fix their bike to a tree in all weather under these circumstances or should the offer be much better in a 21st century town with Active Travel policies?
23 rd August, 2021 11:30 am	Council Summons	Question to the Spokesperson for Greater Manchester Police (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor Veevers	Citizen's Contract	<p>Greater Manchester Police's new Chief Constable has recently announced that he is scrapping the Citizens' Contract, calling it 'patronising nonsense' and 'complete tosh'.</p> <p>The contract was brought in by his predecessor in response to the sharp fall in officers as a direct result of the Government's austerity policies and sought to remind the public of their own responsibilities.</p> <p>Does the Executive Cabinet Member accept that this response to Government cuts by the former Chief Constable, endorsed by Andy Burnham and Bev Hughes, was indeed 'tosh' and if so what response to those undeniably massive cuts would the Executive Member have proposed instead?</p> <p>And further to this can the Executive Cabinet Member tell this chamber whether or not Bolton is yet benefiting from improved resources and if not, when can we expect to see improved performance from our police force?</p>

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23 rd August, 2021 11:59 am	Council Summons	Question to the Spokesperson for Greater Manchester Police (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor Jiva	Policing across the Borough	My question, to the member who has the portfolio for overseeing policing, is how we effectively change the culture of policing across the Borough to ensure that our residents are receiving the highest level of service, from prevention measures to post crime care. This impacts public confidence in the police especially when one call for the first time at such a vulnerable time
10. Committee Proceedings					
<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>Motion to be moved by Councillor Walsh (See Section B).</p> <p>Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee</p> <p>Motion to be moved by Councillor Dean (See Section C).</p>					
11. Scrutiny Committees					
Composite Motion to be moved by Councillor Pattison					
<p>(A) Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (See Section D)</p> <p>(B) Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section E)</p>					

(C) Joint Health Overview and Adult Social Care and Place Scrutiny Committee (See Section F)

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12. Motions Under Standing Order No 4					
(a)		Removal of the 'temporary' uplift in Universal Credit Motion to be moved by Councillor McGeown			
(b)		The Ramblers 'Don't Lose Your Way' campaign Motion to be moved by Councillor McKeon			
(c)		Harvey Nursery Motion to be moved by Councillor Donaghy			
(d)		Changes to the way planning decisions are made at a local level Motion to be moved by Councillor Silvester			
(e)		Qualifying age for free prescriptions in England for 60 to 66 years of age Motion to be moved by Councillor Haworth			