

Meeting Of The Council 21st October, 2009 - Order Of Business

Bolton Council

1. Prayers
2. Mayor's Communications (if any) and fire evacuation procedure.
3. Petitions – to receive a petition from Mr McDonagh re paving works carried out on St Georges Road
4. Proceedings of the Meetings of the Council Held on 2nd September, 2009.

Motions, Amendments and Questions of Which Notice Has Been Given and Items Upon Which Comment Will Be Made

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5. Recommendations to Council					
14 th October 2009	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Morris	AGMA'S Constitution	That the proposed amendments to AGMA's Constitution as set out in the report circulated to members be approved.
14 th October 2009	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor J. Byrne	Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan	That the Council agrees in principle to the production of a Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan, together with the preparation of local agreement/terms of reference for a Joint Committee as detailed in the report circulated to members.
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21 st October, 2009 06:44am		Amendment	Councillor D Wilkinson	Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan	Council notes that there is no reference to any public consultation regarding the minerals plan in the list of recommendations and that council agrees that a full public consultation exercise will be carried out and such a consultation exercise is added to the list of recommendations
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6. Changes In Committee Membership And Appointments To Other Bodies

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

7. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(a)

19 th October 2009 00.03 am	Council Summons	Question to the Chairman Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Woodward	Little Lever Health Centre	Will the Chairman agree to request NHS Bolton, to provide a full briefing to the next meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the latest timetable for the proposed replacement Health Centre in Little Lever and a full explanation as to why there is a delay?
20 th October 2009 19:43	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Regulation	Councillor Hornby	Council properties	I welcome the Government's decision to give Bolton funding to start building more Council properties in the borough. Could the Executive Member provide details as to the timescales involved in this project and any other home buildings scheduled to be done in Bolton including Housing Associations.
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20 th October	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member	Councillor L. Byrne	Withins Youth Club	Is the Executive Member aware of a petition being circulated in Breightmet that Withins

2009 19:43		for Children's Services			Youth Club is under threat of closure and could the Executive Member confirm that this is not and never has been under consideration
21 st October 2009 03:01a m	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Strategy and External Relations	Councillor J. Walsh	Unemployment Statistics	<p>The Executive Member will be aware of the latest unemployment figures issued by the Government on 14th October showing the rates of unemployment for September 2009.</p> <p>As these are official Government figures he will no doubt have analysed that inter alia:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. During the lifetime of this Labour Government between May 1997 and September 2009 the level of unemployment rose in Bolton North East by 25%, in Bolton South East by 51% and in Bolton West by 50%, 2. Of 28 constituencies in Greater Manchester only Bury North had a higher rate of increase than Bolton South East and Bolton West, 3. In the North West Region of 76 constituencies from Carlisle to Crewe only three, Bury North, Burnley and Rossendale and Darwen had a higher rate of increase than Bolton South East and Bolton West,
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			Page 3 of 11		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. In Greater Manchester only Manchester Central and Rochdale have a higher rate of unemployment than the 6.4% in Bolton

					<p>south East,</p> <p>5. Only 6 of the remaining 48 North West constituencies, namely Birkenhead, Bootle, Liverpool Garston, Liverpool Riverside, Liverpool Walton, Liverpool West Derby have higher rates of unemployment than Bolton South East,</p> <p>6. Only an additional four constituencies, Manchester Blackley, Oldham West and Royton, Salford and Wythenshaw and Sale East in Greater Manchester and four, Knowsley North and Sefton, Knowsley South, St Helens South, and Wallasey in the rest of the North West, have rates higher than the 5.6% in Bolton North East</p> <p>7. The number of jobseekers per vacancy was 8 in Bolton North East, 14 in Bolton South East and 10 in Bolton West,</p>
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					<p>8. In Greater Manchester only 6, namely Ashton under Lyne, Bury South, Manchester Gorton, Oldham East and Saddleworth, Stalybridge and Hyde, and Wythenshaw and Sale East had more jobseekers per vacancy than Bolton South East, and that there are only 8 additional ones of the remaining 48 in the North West Region which have more.</p>

					<p>In other words official Government figures show that since 1997 under Labour Bolton has suffered more than most of the North West.</p> <p>Does the Leader of the Council share the concern of Conservative councillors that these figures set out an alarming picture of the local economy and will he agree to a joint approach seeking a cross party meeting with the Secretary of State, as a matter of urgency, to demand Government action to address this worrying situation?</p>
21 st October 2009 03:01 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Strategy and External Relations	Councillor J. Walsh	Economic Climate	Does the Executive Member accept that in the current economic climate the council should reserve scarce financial resources on developments it can deliver and leave less deliverable ones to the time when the economy shows real and sustained recovery?
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21 st October 2009 03:01 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Strategy and External Relations	Councillor J. Walsh	Territorial Army	<p>There is no doubt that the decision by the Secretary of State for Defence to suspend all Territorial Army training until April 2010, along with the closure of Barracks as a short term cost cutting exercise, will have a detrimental effect on the morale of TA troops and will cause further damage to the local economy.</p> <p>Will the Executive Member agree to a joint approach to the Secretary of State seeking</p>

					a cross party meeting to advise him that this Council is opposed to this ill thought out, penny pinching policy and arguing for a change in policy?
21 st October 2009 03:01am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Strategy and External Relations	Councillor J. Walsh	Magistrates Court	Can the Executive Member explain why once again the Magistrates Court development has been delayed?
21 st October 2009 03:01 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Environmental Services	Councillor J. Walsh	Works on Bradshawgate	In relation to the works on Bradshawgate, can the Executive Member explain the logic for; 1. the central island on Bradshawgate complete with dropped kerbs, at the junction of Nelson Square, just a few feet away from a pedestrian controlled crossing, and
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					2. the layout at the junction with Great Moor Street which had to be removed as being unsafe and unworkable within just a few hours of being painted? What is the cost of these aspects of these works? When did the Executive Member approve the layout, or was it his predecessor?
21 st October	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Changes to bin collections	Does the Executive Member still stand by her decision to implement the changes to

2009 08:41am		for Cleaner, Greener, Safer			the bin collections and will she give her full and public support to her officer team.
21 st October 2009 08:41am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Grey Bins	Does the Executive Member agree the current failure to collect grey bins for several weeks at a time is a breach of Labour party's election promise?
21 st October 2009 06.47 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer	Councillor Hayes	Green Bins Policy	"Can the Executive Member confirm whether there is a policy in place to refuse to issue a green bin to occupiers of terraced property, even those with small front and rear gardens? If so, is there any intention of asking those who already have a green bin to return it?"
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21 st October 2009 08:35am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer	Councillor Rock	Assisted collection system	"Will the Executive Member please inform Council as to what actions are being taken to ensure that crews are fully aware of the location of bins covered by the assisted collection system and also to ensure that they understand that bins should be returned to the correct position after emptying"
21 st October 2009 08:35am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer	Councillor R Ronson	Additional Costs associated with refuse collection	"Will the Executive Member please inform Council of the cost of additional crews, additional journeys and other measures to remedy mistakes generated during the new working arrangements? "
21 st October	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member	Councillor Mrs. Ronson	Kerbside recycling	"Will the Executive Member please inform Council of whether there will be any

2009 08:35am		for Cleaner, Greener, Safer			additional help for the "Hard to Reach" areas, where there is no kerbside recycling available and where mistakes and other causes of missed bins can bring additional problems?"
21 st October, 2009 09:08am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer	Councillor Hayes	Missed bins collection policy	"Can the Executive Member please confirm whether the service standard of 3 working days for the collection of missed bins has been changed? If so, when and why did that happen and are grey bins treated any differently from recycling bins? If this policy has not changed, will she please ensure that this information is communicated to officers who answer calls from the public?"
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21 st October 2009 08:41am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Environmental Services	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Revenue Funded Defined Highways Structural Programme	The Executive Member will be aware that the Revenue Funded Defined Highways Structural programme was approved on the 31 st March and was recently was put on hold, can the Executive Member inform council when the programme will be restarted and can he give an assurance that the programme will remain intact as listed at the 31 st March.
21 st October 2009 06:55am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Strategy and External Relations	Councillor Rock	Armstrongs	"The Leader of the Council will doubtless be aware of the extreme frustration of the residents of Horwich about Armstrongs, and their concern because of reports of a recent private meeting between the Leader and Armstrongs. Is he able to give any reassurances to the residents of Horwich to

					allay those fears?"
8. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(c) None					
9. Committee Proceedings					
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).					
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10. Scrutiny Committees Composite Motion to be moved by Councillor Higson					
(A) Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D)					
(B) Development Housing and Skills Scrutiny Committee (See Section E)					
(C) Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section F)					
(D) Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section G)					
21 st October, 2009 06.47am	Page G2 Minute 19	Amendment	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Minutes of the last meeting	Add “(iii) that the Executive Member be urged to take a higher public profile in support of her policy and the officers that are carrying out that policy.”

(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) – <i>To note</i>					
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11. Motions Under Standing Order No 4					
(a)	Contractors Framework Motion to be moved by Councillor J. Walsh				
(b)	Local Transport Act Motion to be moved by Councillor D. A. Wilkinson				

Appendix A

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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 J. Byrne be appointed to the Joint Committee re production of the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Plan.
- (2) That Councillor Harkin replace Councillor Adia on the Bolton Lads and Girls Club.
- (3) That Councillor Harkin replace Councillor Lord on the Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee.
- (4) That Councillor Harkin replace Councillor Zaman on the Housing, Neighbourhoods and Regulation PDG.
- (5) That Councillor Harkin replace Councillor Zaman on the Bolton at Home Monitoring Group.
- (6) That Councillor Harkin replace Councillor Iqbal on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.