

## Meeting of the Council 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 – Order Of Business

# Bolton Council

1. Prayers
2. Mayor's Communications (if any)
3. Declarations of Interests.
4. Petition requesting the creation of a long term plan for the improvement of Chorley New Road.
5. Proceedings of the Meeting of the Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

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

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<b>6. Recommendations to Council</b>					
16th June, 2021	Council Summons	Motion	Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning (Councillor Hewitt)	Making the Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan	That it be agreed that the Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan should be made as part of the statutory Development Plan, following the referendum which was held on 6 <sup>th</sup> May, 2021.
<b>7. Changes In Committee Membership and Appointments To Other Bodies</b>					
See Appendix 1 – to follow					

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<b>8. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(a)</b>					
9 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Pattison	Bolton NICE	<p>There have been grave concerns around the Bolton community and on social media, relating to the charity Bolton NICE and the potential threat of closure or homelessness. As you can imagine this has generated a lot of negativity, and rightly so as it would be immoral to close any charity whose objectives are to fight poverty, even more so in these uncertain times.</p> <p>So can the Leader of this Council please update members on the current situation with Bolton NICE. Can the Leader of this Council also inform members on its intentions in regards to Bolton NICE and future plans, such as timescales, commitments etc.?</p>
17 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021 23:08 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Ayub	Frequency of Street Cleaning	Brilliant work is done by 100s of litter picking volunteers in Bolton saving thousands of pounds for Bolton Council. When we search for street cleaning dates on Bolton council website to check when a street is due to be cleaned, the response is “your street will be cleaned as resources allow”. Can the Executive Cabinet Member inform us how frequently streets are cleaned in Bolton?
17 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021 23:08 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor Ayub	Road Markings	Road markings play a vital role in road safety. Road markings are fading away particularly on give ways and are causing a danger to road users. Can the Executive Cabinet Member inform us that when the fading road lines are identified to them and are requested for attention, what is the time scale before they are painted again in order to improve safety?

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20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021 15:29 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Donaghy	Local Enquiry into the effects of the Covid pandemic	<p>The Leader will be aware of a repeated commitment given to the people of Bolton by the Health Overview and Adult's Scrutiny Committee of a full local enquiry into the effects of the Covid pandemic on the people of Bolton. Under my previous chairmanship of this Committee, members from all parties agreed with me, that notwithstanding the working pressures faced by key staff, a local enquiry is urgently owed to the people of Bolton, as many very serious questions remain unanswered. Members will also be aware that it is entirely within the constitutional remit of this key Scrutiny Committee to demand such an enquiry, and it is not for the Leader or the Cabinet, to go against these wishes.</p> <p>The Dominic Cummings whistle blowing relations have raised many new and alarming questions into the government handling of the crisis, and has further highlighted the scandalous policy adopted by this Government in discharging elderly patients from hospitals into care homes, without first being tested for Covid. As we know, this lead to a very high, but entirely avoidable, death rate in care homes, Bolton being no exception.</p> <p>Will the Leader agree with me that the indication by the Government that a national enquiry is to be kicked into the long grass, until at the earliest 2022, is not acceptable, and to quote Cummings "the longer it is delayed, the more people will rewrite memories, the more documents will go astray."</p>

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					Will the Leader now, not follow the Government line of delaying an enquiry, and instead outline a timescale to full council as to when our own local enquiry will take place?
20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021 20:11 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Hayes	Budget Amendment	<p>During the budget debate in February the Leader accepted that "...we are now at the point where we believe that any further cuts will make it impossible for the Council to function in a way that we believe is acceptable, and the carrying out of even many statutory functions will be under threat."</p> <p>He agreed that this view should be conveyed "in the strongest possible terms" to the Prime Minister, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Local Government Association and the Borough's Members of Parliament."</p> <p>At Council on 17th March he assured me that a letter would be drawn up including the full text of the budget amendment, and that I (and presumably other Group Leaders) would be involved.</p> <p>It is now over four months since the amendment was passed. Can the Leader please inform Council what has been done in that time?</p>

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20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021 20:11 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning (Councillor Hewitt)	Councillor Hayes	Government's Planning White Paper	<p>On 14th October last year Council unanimously registered opposition to the Government's Planning White Paper, and resolved to write to the Borough's MPs and ask them to campaign and vote against the proposals.</p> <p>Has there yet been a response from any of the Borough's MPs? If so, what was that response?</p>
20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021 21:55 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Veevers	Management of Allotments	<p>This question seeks some clarity on the management of allotments across the borough and in particular the allocation of plots.</p> <p>I understand that there is a long waiting list for allotment site applications and that this waiting list has been lengthened significantly by increased demand brought about by people spending more time at home owing to the impact of COVID-19.</p> <p>The Council website explains that all the lists are currently closed to new applicants because of the extra demand created in the wake of the coronavirus and that anyone who applied prior to 20th June 2020 will be notified when a plot becomes available.</p> <p>However, what I am hearing from residents is that there are a significant number of allotments currently lying vacant and unattended, and it seems to them that the waiting list is not just closed to new applicants but also to those who applied pre-pandemic.</p> <p>For many people, their allotment has served as a refuge from the tedium of the restrictions of lockdown and we are all aware of the role gardening can play in both preventing and alleviating mental ill-</p>

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					Can the Executive Cabinet Member provide assurance that vacant plots are being allocated to those on the waiting lists and in addition confirm that there is an actual point of contact for existing occupiers (or indeed elected members acting on their behalf) who wish to raise concerns they might have regarding their allotments?
21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2021 05:42 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader (Councillor Cox)	Councillor McGeown	Kickstart Scheme	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware of the Government's Kickstart Scheme for 16-24 year olds. He may have seen the news of businesses on Westhoughton Market who applied to be part of the scheme to give young people an employment opportunity but were turned down.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member inform council what efforts are being made by the council to support businesses applying to be involved in the scheme and what efforts are being done to convince the DWP to support local businesses who wish to give young people a chance?</p>
21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2021 05:44 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Wellbeing (Councillor Baines)	Councillor McGeown	Mental Health Services	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware of the issue of young persons mental health arising from the Covid pandemic.</p> <p>There were significant issues pre Covid around young persons mental Health services and access to those services.</p> <p>Since then mental health issues have increased across all age groups but especially for young persons.</p>

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					Could the Executive Cabinet Member inform council what the current situation is in terms of the current demand on services and waiting times together with the availability of resources to demand?
21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2021 05:46 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Gully Cleaning	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware of the flooding issues that happened in Horwich recently and the remarks of the Bolton West MP that blocked gully grids added to the problem of flooding.</p> <p>Does he agree with Mr Green's comments and can the Executive Cabinet Member inform council what progress as been made on clearing all gullies in Horwich and also all blocked gully grids across the borough and when this work will completed?</p>
21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2021 05:54 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Daisy Hill Railway Bridge	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware that for the several years that bridge over Leigh Rd at Daisy Hill station has been described as in a weak condition and in need of replacement.</p> <p>A few weeks ago officers of the council stated that Network Rail's series of tests in 2020 now show the bridge as now safe.</p> <p>This sudden change of mind by Network Rail has left residents a bit concerned</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member provide any information on the safety of the bridge and its current life span?</p> <p>Will the bridge continue to be capable of taking</p>

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21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2021 10:35 am	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Wright	Affordable Places for Voluntary Groups	<p>I am sure that Cllr Greenhalgh will agree with me that the work done by the voluntary and community sector in Bolton during the Covid-19 Pandemic has been outstanding!</p> <p>Particular thanks must be given to the many foodbanks that have helped support families throughout the Bolton Borough.</p> <p>However, these groups need our support as well if they are to continue to survive. The biggest hurdle many voluntary groups face is finding affordable places to rent. I believe this is where Bolton Council can help. In the Bolton area there are many council owned properties currently vacant. Most in the hearts of the communities that need this voluntary support.</p> <p>Would Cllr Greenhalgh agree with me that these properties, instead of being left vacant or sold off, should be offered to community groups at a subsidised rent? That Bolton Council buildings should be used to help the Bolton People? And could we begin by helping Bolton NICE who are facing imminent eviction and desperately need somewhere to continue their work?</p>



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21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2021 11:24 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor McKeon	Flooding in Horwich	<p>‘Unprecedented’ has been a much used word over the past year but it can very appropriately be applied to describe the deluge of water that fell on Horwich on May 16. The subsequent flooding was shocking and distressing, causing damage to homes, roads and to three of our schools. I would like to put on record my thanks to the emergency services and to Council officers who worked tirelessly on the day and following days to support residents and to clear up the considerable damage caused by the flood waters. The Council has a statutory duty to conduct an investigation after such an event and I know this is being undertaken. I would like to ask the Executive Cabinet Member to give Council an update on the progress of the investigation and commit his administration to implement any recommendations the investigation may produce.</p>
21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2021 11:53 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning (Councillor Hewitt)	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Free Advice to Developers	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware of a recent presentation at Place Scrutiny committee by the Assistant Director about the removal of free advice given by planning officers to applicants of large developments.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member inform council if this advice as now stopped and if not when it will cease.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member inform council how many times in the last couple years free advice has been given to developers and the costs in officer time.</p>

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					Could the Executive Cabinet Member inform council if a register has been kept of these free advice sessions and if that information is available to members of council and also the public?
<b>9. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(c)</b>					
		None			
<b>10. Committee Proceedings</b>					
<b>Planning Committee</b> Motion to be moved by Councillor Walsh <b>(See Section B).</b>  <b>Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee</b> Motion to be moved by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough <b>(See Section C).</b>					
<b>11. Scrutiny Committees</b>					
Composite Motion to be moved by Councillor Iqbal					
<b>(A) Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D)</b>					

**(B) Place Scrutiny Committee (See Section E)**

**(C) Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section F)**

**(D) Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (See Section G)**

**12. Motions Under Standing Order No 4**

(a)	Care Workers Pay Motion to be moved by Councillor Sherrington
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(b)	Community Speed watch Initiatives Motion to be moved by Councillor Murray
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(c)	Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill Motion to be moved by Councillor McKeon
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(d)	Action Plan for Greater Manchester Police Motion to be moved by Councillor Hayes
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