Meeting Of the Council 3rd March, 2010 - Order Of Business

Bolton Council

1. **Prayers**

2. **Mayor's Communications (if any) and fire evacuation procedure**

3. **Petitions – None.**

4. **Proceedings of the Meeting of the Council Held on 24th February, 2010.**

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

Date and Time 2010	Page and Item Number	Amendment Motion, Question Or Comment	In the name of	Subject	Motion, Amendment or Question
5. Changes In Committee Membership and Appointments To Other Bodies Motion to be moved by Councillor Ibrahim (see Appendix A).					
6. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(a)					
2nd March, 2010 20.10 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Cleaner, Greener, Safer.	Councillor Hayes	Recycling Rates	Given the low recycling rates in certain inner areas and the failure to secure funding for the 'food caddy' can the Executive Member please inform Council how she proposes to increase the recycling rates?"

2nd March, 2010 20.17 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Human Resources, Organisational Development and Diversity.	Councillor J. Silvester	Consultation with Users of the New Unity Centre	Would the Executive Member please clarify why the Council has failed in its duty to have a prior consultation with the users of the New Unity Centre, regarding the proposal to dispose of the centre as part of the new interchange plans? Could she explain why the basic guidance as contained within the COMPACT for Black and Ethnic Communities has not been complied with? Could she please provide proof that we have also complied with our standards for equality impact assessments, and whether she feels that we have complied with our own statement as contained in our original Fairness Plan, that within the race relations act we must "assess how policies and programmes can affect ethnic minorities, and take remedial action where any potential for adverse differential impact" on ethnic minorities is identified." Could the Executive Member give assurance that this will actually happen and when, together with a suitable needs assessment?"
2nd March, 2010 20.17 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Development, Regeneration and Skills.	Councillor J. Silvester	New Interchange and the New Unity Centre	Looking at the plans for the new interchange, I have noticed that there is a discrepancy in the two maps. The map issued by GMPTA clearly shows the non existence of the New Unity Centre, whilst the map shown in the February Bolton Scene, omits much detail, and shows a solid corner, which leads one to assume the building would still be there. Could the Executive Member explain this difference, and whether this makes the consultation invalid? Would he also confirm the Council's

					intention to dispose of the centre without consultation with the users, rather than the general public? In our mission "to narrow the gap" can he give assurance that we have a moral obligation to provide a facility of equal or better standard if the centre were to be demolished? This being so, where would this be, and when would it be provided?"
2nd March, 2010 20.17 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Human Resources, Organisational Development and Diversity.	Councillor J. Silvester	Reduction in Number of Jobs	Does the Executive Member agree that it is regrettable that the Council has had to reduce the number of jobs, due to inadequate funding received from Government?"
2nd March, 2010 20.17 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Cleaner, Greener, Safer.	Councillor J. Silvester	Refuse Collection Service	Can the Executive Member please speculate on when a normal refuse collection service will be resumed in all areas of Bolton?"
2nd March, 2010 23.43 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Looked After Children and Safeguarding.	Councillor Greenhalgh	Sure Start, Early Years and Childcare Capital grants	The Executive Member will recall that at the meeting of the Council in October Conservatives first raised that issue of Sure Start, Early Years and Childcare Capital grants and that at the meeting in December 2009 that she responded to a question from me about meeting private nursery providers about the allocation of these DCSF grants. As the matter has still not been resolved, can the Executive Member: Now supply all members of the Council with a full list of all allocations under this scheme,

					the criteria used to determine these, and the membership of the panel which made the recommendations? Explain to this meeting why out of 91 nursery providers invited to submit bids, two have been given £250,000 and £200,000 respectively, 41 have been allocated £5,000 each and the remaining 48 have been allocated nothing? Does she think this allocation is fair? Tell the Council what involvement she or any other elected member, as her deputy, has had in the decision making? and Say what her reasons were for not re-considering the allocations when asked to do so after the meeting with providers on 14th December?
2nd March, 2010 23.43 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Members for Environmental Services and Development, Regeneration and Skills.	Councillor J. Walsh	Enforcement Issues	Members frequently raise concerns about enforcement in the Borough. I offer as just two examples, (a) a sign advertising "Christmas Trees for sale", which has been on the central grass reservation of Beaumont Road, at its junction with Chorley New Road; and (b) cars displayed for sale at a site on Chorley New Road close to Overdale Crematorium,

					both of which breaches have been reported since before Christmas. Are the Executive Members satisfied with the level and style of enforcement in the Borough and do the Executive Members agree with Conservatives that the time for more 'joined up' approach to enforcement is long overdue?
2nd March, 2010 23.43 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Strategy and External Relations.	Councillor J. Walsh	Quangos	The Executive Member will recall that in 1996 the then Leader of this Council produced a report entitled 'Quangos in the Borough of Bolton', which set out his perceptions of the impact of Quangos on the Borough. He will also recall that the then Leader suggested that a future government would reduce the number of Quangos. Government reports now show that there are now even more in this Borough. 14 years later, as research by the LGA shows, nationally Quangos now spend over £46billion and as a recent report by Cumbria County Council showed as little as 15% of public expenditure is now under the democratic accountability of local authorities. Is the Executive Member; content with the impact of Quangos in the Borough, will he arrange to advise the Council of the number of Quangos now operating in or

					affecting residents of this Borough, and will he agree to join Conservatives in making representations to HM Government to press for a reduction the number and influence of Quangos?
3rd March, 2010 06.43 a.m	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Cleaner, Greener, Safer.	Councillor Rock	Assisted Bin Collection	In view of the disastrous implementation of the new refuse collection arrangements, I was very worried to hear that the arrangements for assisted bin collections are to be reviewed. Can the Executive Member please assure Council that all Members will be consulted before any changes to the assisted bin collection arrangements are implemented?"
3rd March, 2010 08.30 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Cleaner, Greener, Safer.	Councillor Chadwick	Dog Fouling	No matter how much resource we put into cleaning up dog fouling on our pavements across the Borough on a daily basis the following day the same mess from the same dogs will be on the same pavement on the same street. Could the Executive Member please confirm what action is proposed by the Council, what action has been taken to date, what enforcement proposals are in place to address this unacceptable issue of dog fouling throughout the Borough and how many prosecutions there have been for dog fouling and littering in the Borough as a whole for the last twelve months? Could the Executive Member also consider a suggestion made by shop keepers in the ward I represent that we produce A4 posters saying Bolton says no to dog fouling that we

					can get communities to sign up to.
3rd March, 2010 08.30 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Strategy and External Relations.	Councillor R. Silvester	Council Tax 2010/11	Could the Executive Member inform members as to how Bolton Council's element of the Council Tax compares with the other nine districts within Greater Manchester?
3rd March, 2010 08.30 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Cleaner, Greener, Safer.	Councillor D. Wilkinson	Savings Resulting from Changes to Bin Collection Rounds	The Executive Member will be aware that the changes to bin collection rounds on the 21st September, 2009 were designed to produce £400, 000 of savings. Given that no savings to date have been realised, and that other savings of nearly £300, 000 have had to be found by the Environmental Services Department, can the Executive Member inform Council when the £400, 000 savings will be achieved?
3rd March, 2010 09.30 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Development, Regeneration and Skills	Councillor Hornby	Permission from Lease Holders to Make Alterations	In Little Lever residents are facing problems with a company which has acquired the ground rents to their properties, this effects over 350 homes in the ward. The company is trying to obtain substantial amounts of money from residents for not asking permission from them before they make alterations to their properties. In order to help residents not just in my ward but across the Borough could I ask that this Council through the Executive Member for Development and Regeneration look at adding to approval notices issued for planning applications a reminder that before they commence any alterations to the

					property they consult their lease holders to obtain their consent also.
3rd March, 2010 09.30 am	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member Strategy and External Relations	Councillor Hornby	Selling off of Land	I was very concerned to receive a leaflet which had been delivered around Darcy Lever claiming that greedy bankers are getting Darcy Lever's money and that Bolton Council was selling off land to claw back the shortfall of millions. In this leaflet it is also claimed that the Labour Controlled Council was not for the hard working, people of Little Lever and Darcy Lever. Could the Leader of the Council please put the record straight on this unfounded accusation made in this leaflet and ask for an apology from the editor of the publication
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7. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(c)

None

8. 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).**

9. Scrutiny Committees

Composite Motion to be moved by Councillor Shaw

(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)

(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***				
10.	**Area Forums** Minutes to be submitted to the next Council meeting.				
11.	**Motions Under Standing Order No 4**				
(a)	City Status Motion to be moved by Councillors Morris, J. Walsh and Hayes.				
(b)	Snow Clearance and Gritting Motion to be moved by Councillor D. Wilkinson				
(c)	EDL Demonstration Motion to be moved by Councillors Morris, J. Walsh and Hayes				

Appendix A

Changes in Committee Membership and Appointments to Other Bodies

Moved by Councillor Ibrahim and Seconded by Councillor Shaw

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

(1) That Councillor Bashir – Ismail replace Councillor Sherrington on the Bolton/Bury Groundwork Trust.

(2) That Councillor Thomas be appointed as deputy for Councillor Adia on the LEP Strategic Partnering Board and that the Assistant Director BSF be appointed as deputy for the Director of Children's Services on the Board.