

BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

2020/2021

15TH JULY 2020

Present - Councillors Mrs. Thomas (Mayor), Mrs. Fairclough (Deputy Mayor), Abdullah, Adia, Allen, Ayub, Bagnall, Baines, Brady, Bullock, Connor, Cox, Cunliffe, Cunningham, Dean, Donaghy, Evans, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Galloway, Gibbon, Greenhalgh, Haslam, Hayes, Haworth, McMulkin, Heslop, Hewitt, Hornby, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Ismail, Khurram, McKeon, McGeown, Mistry, Morgan, Morris, Murray, Muslim, Newall, Parkinson, Pattison, Peel, Radcliffe, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Veevers, J. Walsh, Warren, Watters, Weatherby, Wild, Wilkinson, Wright and Zaman.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Darvesh and Eckersley-Fallon.

6. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Council held on 19th February and 20th May 2020 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

7. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(a)

The following questions were asked under Standing Order 9(a) –

- (i) by Councillor Hayes relating to the Finance of the Council

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (ii) by Councillor Ismail relating to Council Finances

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

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- (iii) by Councillor Ismail relating to Council Finances

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (iv) by Councillor Zaman relating to Council Finances

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (v) by Councillor McMulkin relating to the Climate Emergency

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (vi) by Councillor McMulkin relating to the Covid-19 Cases Per Ward

The Executive Cabinet Member for Wellbeing replied to this question.

- (vii) by Councillor Brady relating to the Basketball and Street Football Court in Old Station Park

The Deputy Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (viii) by Councillor Wright relating to public gatherings

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (ix) by Councillor Veevers relating to care homes

The Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care replied to this question.

- (x) by Councillor McGeown relating to free parking for NHS Staff

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xi) by Councillor Wilkinson relating to Westhoughton

Bypass

The Deputy Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xii) by Councillor Wilkinson relating to home working

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xiii) by Councillor Hayes relating to Speedwatch

The Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport replied to this question.

- (xiv) by Councillor Wilkinson relating to cycle provision

The Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport replied to this question.

- (xv) by Councillor Flitcroft relating to Rock Hall in Moses Gate

The Deputy Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xvi) by Councillor Sanders relating to the regeneration of Farnworth Town Centre

The Deputy Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xvii) by Councillor Pattison relating to Digital Working

The Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities replied to this question.

- (xviii) by Councillor Peel relating to Covid-19

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xix) by Councillor Gibbon relating to Shopmobility

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

8. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(c)

The question was asked under Standing Order 9(c) by Councillor Hayes relating to Speedwatch and was answered by the Spokesperson for Greater Manchester Police.

9. PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ayub and approved –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Planning Committee held 25th June 2020 be approved.

10. LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough, seconded by Councillor Dean and approved –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee held on 27th February and 12th March 2020 be approved.

11. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

It was moved by Councillor Silvester, seconded by Councillor Bagnall and approved –

Place Scrutiny Committee – 12th and 17th February 2020

Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny – 5th February 2020

Joint Meeting of Place and Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committees - 29th January 2020

12. ITEM REFERRED TO COUNCIL FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES - COMMUNITY MEALS AND CATERING SERVICES REVIEW

It was moved by Councillor Sherrington and seconded by Councillor Donaghy -

Motion in the name of Councillor Sherrington regarding agenda item 6 of the Joint Place and Health Overview and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee held on 29th January, 2020 –

This motion is to call in the community meals and catering service review.

This Committee agrees to refer the decision to full Council with a recommendation to reconsider its decision.

Whereupon as an amendment it was moved by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh -

That the motion be amended as follows –

That this Council notes the Cabinet decision following the review of the community meals and catering services for the reasons set out in the report.

The amendment was then put to the vote, when the voting was as follows:-

For the Amendment, 31 viz:

Councillors Allen, Bagnall, Baines, Brady, Bullock, Connor, Cox, Cunningham, Dean, Mrs. Fairclough, Fletcher, Galloway, Gibbon, Greenhalgh, Haslam, Hayes, Heslop, Hewitt, Hornby, McGeown, Morgan, Muslim, Newall, Parkinson, Radcliffe, Veevers, J. Walsh, Warren, Wild, Wilkinson and Wright.

Against the Amendment, 25 viz:

Councillors Abdullah, Adia, Ayub, Cunliffe, Donaghy, Evans, Flitcroft, Haworth, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Ismail, Khurram, McKeon, McMulkin, Mistry, Morris, Murray, Pattison, Peel, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Watters, Weatherby and Zaman.

Abstained, 0

Whereupon, the amendment was declared carried.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote, when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 30 viz:

Councillors Allen, Bagnall, Baines, Brady, Connor, Cox, Cunningham, Dean, Mrs. Fairclough, Fletcher, Galloway, Gibbon, Greenhalgh, Haslam, Hayes, Heslop, Hewitt, Hornby, McGeown, Morgan, Muslim, Newall, Parkinson, Radcliffe, Veevers, J. Walsh, Warren, Wild, Wilkinson and Wright.

Against the Amendment, 25 viz:

Councillors Abdullah, Adia, Ayub, Cunliffe, Donaghy, Evans, Flitcroft, Haworth, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Ismail, Khurram, McKeon, McMulkin, Mistry, Morris, Murray, Pattison, Peel, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Watters, Weatherby and Zaman.

Abstained, 0

Whereupon, the substantive motion was declared carried.

13. ITEM REFERRED TO COUNCIL FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – FREE PARKING INITIATIVE IN BOLTON TOWN CENTRE

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It was moved by Councillor Peel and seconded by Councillor Ayub -

That the Council request that the Cabinet Member rescind his decision to scrap the free parking initiative in Bolton town centre. Council notes that since 2013, when the scheme was introduced, shoppers and visitors to the town centre had increased hugely. Council therefore requests that a task and finish Policy Development Group be established that would examine the economic consequences on the retail sector, that charging would cause.

Whereupon as an amendment, it was moved by Councillor Cox and seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh -

That the motion be amended as follows –

The global Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on local economies across the globe and Bolton has been no exception. As we come out of lock down the Executive has to do all it can within constrained resources to stimulate economic activity particularly in town centre's across the borough where many jobs are at risk.

Included in this package of measures is to reverse previous plans to end free parking at weekends and to go one step further by extending the free parking at weekend scheme to cover every day of the week for up to two hours. Furthermore to maintain this scheme until the festive period parking scheme comes into force in November.

Council welcomes the deputy leader's decision to reverse the called-in decision and requests that the deputy leader reviews this policy in the new year in the light of the prevailing economic data at the time and brings proposals to a future executive member meeting of the deputy leader early in the new year.

The amendment was then put to the vote, when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 55 viz:

Councillors Abdullah, Adia, Allen, Ayub, Bagnall, Baines, Brady, Bullock, Connor, Cox, Cunliffe, Cunningham, Dean, Donaghy, Evans, Mrs. Fairclough, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Galloway, Gibbon, Greenhalgh, Haslam, Hayes, Haworth, Heslop, Hewitt, Hornby, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Ismail, Khurram, McKeon, McGeown, McMulkin, Mistry, Morgan, Murray, Muslim, Newall, Parkinson, Pattison, Peel, Radcliffe, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Veevers, J. Walsh, Warren, Watters, Weatherby, P. Wild, Wilkinson, Wright and Zaman.

Against the Motion, 0

Abstained, 0

Whereupon, the amendment was declared carried.

The substantive motion was then put to the meeting, where the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 55 viz:

Councillors Abdullah, Adia, Allen, Ayub, Bagnall, Baines, Brady, Bullock, Connor, Cox, Cunliffe, Cunningham, Dean, Donaghy, Evans, Mrs. Fairclough, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Galloway, Gibbon, Greenhalgh, Haslam, Hayes, Haworth, Heslop, Hewitt, Hornby, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Ismail, Khurram, McKeon, McGeown, McMulkin, Mistry, Morgan, Murray, Muslim, Newall, Parkinson, Pattison, Peel, Radcliffe, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Veevers, J. Walsh, Warren, Watters, Weatherby, P. Wild, Wilkinson, Wright and Zaman.

Against the Motion, 0

Abstained, 0

Whereupon the substantive motion was declared carried.

At this point, the Mayor advised that as the meeting was approaching the time limit of 10.30 p.m., the following Motions under Standing Order 4 would be deferred to the meeting of the Council on 2nd September, 2020, viz:-

- Flooding at Prestolee, Stoneclough and Ringley;
- Care Workers Vs Covid-19 Campaign;
- Northern Rail Franchise;
- Building Safety Fund;
- Use of Fireworks;
- Neighbourhood Management Funding;
- Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review Ten Years On; and
- Care Workers Pay.

(The meeting started at 7.00 p.m. and finished at 10.25 p.m.)