

BOLTON COUNCIL

Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Bolton on Wednesday next, 3rd March, 2010 at 7.00pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted: -

1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 24th February, 2010 (to follow)

2. Changes in Committee Membership and Appointments to Other Bodies

3. Questions under Standing Order No. 9(a)

4. Questions under Standing Order No. 9(c)

5. Committee Proceedings

To approve the proceedings of the following Committees:
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Planning Committee (See Section B)

Licensing and Environmental Regulations Committee
(See Section C)

6. Scrutiny Committees

To receive and consider the proceedings of the undermentioned Scrutiny Committees:-

Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D)

Development, Housing and Skills Scrutiny Committee
(See Section E)

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section F)

Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee (See
Section G)

Adults and Community Services Scrutiny Committee
(See Section H)

External Organisations Scrutiny Committee (See
Section J)

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (See
Section K) (submitted for information only)

7. Motions under Standing Order No. 4

- (a) Motion in the names of Councillors Morris, J. Walsh
and Hayes:-

That this Council notes the opportunity for towns to be nominated for city status as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012. It believes that in view of its position as one of the largest towns in the UK, its heritage, cultural diversity and economic significance, Bolton should be officially recognised as a city.

Therefore, this Council authorises its officers to work with partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors to prepare a submission which conforms to Government guidance to be issued in the spring. It should represent Bolton's case for becoming a city and should be regarded as Bolton's formal application for city status.

- (b) Motion to be moved by Councillor D. Wilkinson:-

Council wishes to place on record its appreciation of the hard work and dedication shown by all its employees engaged in gritting during the recent prolonged periods of severe weather to meet the Council's established policy. That was despite the restrictions placed on them by the

Government's instructions to reduce the use of salt to conserve stocks to help those Councils which had been less prudent in its reserves than Bolton had been.

However, Council feels that this policy did not do enough to help residents living off the main gritting routes, many of who were left isolated and to their own devices for an extended period, or to allow essential services such as refuse collection to be properly carried out.

Council therefore determines that, taking into account the changed conditions brought about by the recent winter, a review should be held through the normal PDG process in an attempt to improve these deficiencies before next winter. It is suggested that the review includes consideration of the following:-

- a) Improved use of 'self help' facilities for residential areas;
 - b) Ways in which additional help can be given to areas with high concentrations of elderly or schools;
 - c) A review, in conjunction with ward Members, of which feeder roads or particularly difficult roads should be tackled when time allows after completion of the main priorities;
 - d) Whether a number of snow clearing blades should be purchased for fitting to refuse vehicles or other Council vehicles;
 - e) Whether greater flexibility could be introduced within the workforce in such circumstances (e.g. refuse collection staff who are unable to carry out their normal duties being used on gritting and snow clearance work); and
 - f) How support can be shown for the LGAs campaign to enhance civic responsibility.
- (c) Motion in the names of Councillors Morris, J. Walsh and Hayes:-

That this Council is very concerned about the proposed English Defence League (EDL) demonstration in Bolton on the 20th March, 2010 as their presence in other towns has led to violence and disorder and caused local people to fear for their safety.

As a consequence of the considerable risk of violence and disorder associated with the demonstration the Council should do all within its powers, supported by key local organisations, such as the Faith Leader's Forum, to lobby the Home Secretary to ban the event on public order/safety grounds.

Bolton has a very strong track record on community cohesion and the Council is confident that this will not be harmed by the EDL and urges local people not to be provoked by the prospect of the EDL event.

The Council should continue to work with local organisations, communities and businesses to prepare for any potential event on the 20th March, 2010 to minimise disruption to the Borough and to pledge publicly the Council's commitment to community cohesion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'S. R. Harriss'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the bottom of the 's'.

SEAN HARRISS
Chief Executive
Town Hall, Bolton

24th February, 2010.

The proceedings of the Executive and Executive Member Portfolio meetings from 7th December, 2009 to 15th February, 2010, together with the proceedings of the Audit and Standards Committees are included, for information only, in a separate

volume.

