

## **BOLTON COUNCIL**

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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, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 at the rise of the extraordinary meeting 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 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 (Section A).

**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:-

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 and External Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D) (to follow)

Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section E) (to follow)

Adults and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section F) (to follow)

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (See Section G)

Joint meeting of the Corporate and External Issues and Adults and Children's Services Scrutiny Committees (See Section H) (to follow)

## **7. Motions under Standing Order No. 4**

(a) Motion to be moved by Councillor Ayub :-

This Council welcomes the campaign of Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority (GMFRA), in partnership with the other Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities, against the unfairness applied to the Government's Formula for the distribution of Grant.

The distribution of government funding, through the Formula, now favours "Shire Fire and Rescue Authorities" (Combined Fire Authorities), and protects London, at the expense of the urban/ regional cities.

Between 2011 and 2013, GMFRA, West Midlands, Merseyside, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and Tyne and Wear Metropolitan Authorities will shoulder around 80% of the cuts compared to the rest of the Fire Services across the Country, Shires, Combined Authorities and London between them will shoulder just short of 20%.

Indeed, six of these Fire Authorities have, perversely, seen grant increases in the last two years.

GMFRA are certain that, if the Formula Grant is not re-adjusted to ensure greater fairness, Greater Manchester will be faced with further damaging cuts, further significant reduction of Fire-fighters, further significant fewer fire appliances, and potentially closures of Fire Stations.

This level of cuts will also have serious consequences for the delivery of Fire and Rescue Services for the people of Greater Manchester and impact on the resilience of the infrastructure of Greater Manchester.

This Council, therefore, calls on the Government to ensure everyone 'shares the pain of austerity' and introduces a fairer Grant Formula model for GMFRA and other Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities elsewhere.

(b) Motion to be moved by Councillor J. Walsh:-

Imitation being the sincerest form of flattery this Council welcomes the partial adoption by the Cabinet of Conservative plans to address some of the problems of Bolton town centre by allowing some free parking in the run up to Christmas - measures the Council last year rejected as being unworkable.

Council however believes that much more needs to be done and supports Conservative policy on a range of measures including agreement to call, as a matter of urgency, a conference for all those involved in the town centre to seek ways to address the problems Bolton faces. Coupled to this should be an invitation to developers to address the long overdue development of the Central Street site to create a family friendly area of

uses including cinema and other entertainment venues and a range of restaurants, cafes and similar uses to change the current perceptions and images of Bolton town centre and to ensure its long term viability.

(c) Motion to be moved by Councillor Critchley:-

Given that this Local Authority has a Core Strategy, which was adopted in 2011, and included CG3 Policy for "The Built Environment" for the whole of the Borough. In addition the Council has prepared a report setting out proposed changes to the draft allocation plan for further consultation.

Also this year, the Council issued a revised Planning Control Practice No 3 - House Extensions.

Therefore this Council takes the view that it should continue to implement its own recently approved policy for house extensions and reject the suggested proposals recently issued by the Government unless and until any amendments are made to legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'S. R. Hariss'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the bottom.

SEAN HARRISS  
Chief Executive  
Town Hall, Bolton

17<sup>th</sup> October, 2012.

The proceedings of the Cabinet and Executive Cabinet Member Portfolio meetings from 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2012 to 15<sup>th</sup>

October, 2012 are included for information only in a separate volume, together with the minutes of the meetings of the Audit Committee and the Chief Officers Appointments Panel.