

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, 22nd October, 2008 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 27th August, 2008.(See Section A)

2. Policy Framework

Motion to be moved by Councillor Thomas :-

That the Statement of Licensing Policy, as circulated to members, be approved.

3. Changes in Committee Membership and Appointments to Other Bodies

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

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

6. 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)

7. Scrutiny Committees

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

Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee (to be tabled) (See Section D)

Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (See Section E)

Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section F)

Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section G)

Children's Services, Culture and Young People and Sport Scrutiny Committee (See Section H)

External Organisations Scrutiny Committee (See Section J)

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

8. Area Forums

To receive and consider the proceedings of the undermentioned Area Forums :-

Astley Bridge Area Forum

Bradshaw Area Forum

Brightmet Area Forum

Bromley Cross Area Forum

Crompton Area Forum

Farnworth Area Forum

Great Lever Area Forum

Halliwell Area Forum

Harper Green Area Forum

Heaton and Lostock Area Forum

Hulton Area Forum

Kearsley Area Forum

Little Lever and Darcy Lever Area Forum

Rumworth Area Forum
Smithills Area Forum
Tonge with the Haulgh Area Forum
Two Towns Area Forum
Westhoughton with Chew Moor Area Forum

9. Motions Under Standing Order No. 4

Motion to be moved by Councillor J. Walsh:-

This Council acknowledges that over recent years its Treasury Management Policy has served the Council well and that the spread of funds across a range of deposits and investments is a prudent policy to minimise risk, whilst achieving some income. This policy is also in accordance with Government guidance.

However, given the recent experience with the Landsbanki Group, Council determines to ask the Executive to report to the next meeting of the Executive on actions to overcome the possible loss of £6million. In order to reduce the impact on services and costs to council tax payers such a review should include inter alia;

joint working with other authorities, including through the LGA to seek assistance from HM Government to protect these investments;

a review of all other sizeable deposits and investments;

a review of current budgets and all non-committed expenditure; and

early all party discussion on the budget for 2009-2010,

together with any other measures thought appropriate to ensure that services and council tax payers do not suffer.

SEAN HARRISS
Chief Executive
Town Hall, Bolton

15th October, 2008.

The proceedings of the Executive and Executive Member Portfolio meetings from, 27th August, 2008 to, 6th October, 2008 ,together with the minutes of the Audit Committee, Constitutional Panel and Standards Committee are included, for information only, in a separate volume.