

**BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH**

**2013/2014**

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**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2013**

Present - Councillors Shaw (Mayor), G. Harkin (Deputy Mayor), Adia, Allen, Bashir-Ismail, C. Burrows, D. Burrows, J. Byrne, L. Byrne, Chadwick, A. Connell, M. Connell, Cox, Cunliffe, Dean, Evans, Mrs. Fairclough, Francis, Greenhalgh, Hall, S. Harkin, Haslam, Hayes, A. Ibrahim, I. Ibrahim, Irving, Jones, Kay, Kell, Kellett, Lewis, McKeon, Mistry, Morgan, Morris, Murray, Peacock, Peel, Pickup, Radlett, Rushton, Sherrington, Silvester, Spencer, Mrs. Swarbrick, Mrs. Thomas, A. Walsh, J. Walsh, Watters, Wild, and Zaman.

**38. PETITIONS**

A petition was received from the members of Bolton Lads and Girls Club requesting the Council's support for the Children's Society campaign regarding runaways which was referred to the Director of Children's and Adults Services.

**39. MINUTES**

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

**40. SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013**

It was moved by Councillor Peel, seconded by Councillor Kay and agreed –

That the Council be recommended to agree the changes to the Scheme of Delegation and terms of reference of the Licensing and Environmental Regulations Committee as set

out in the report Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 2013 as circulated to Members.

**41. CHANGES IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES**

It was moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough and agreed –

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

- (i) That Councillor Morris be appointed as a Trustee of Birtenshaw School.

**42. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(a)**

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

- (i) by Councillor Hayes relating to zero hours contracts

The Cabinet Member for Human resources and Cohesion replied to this question.

- (ii) by Councillor Cox relating to the Airport City Development

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (iii) by Councillor Cox relating to Student Centred Teaching and Training

The Deputy Leader of the Council replied to this question.

#### **43. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Kellett, seconded by Councillor Peel and resolved –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 be approved.

#### **44. LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Kay, seconded by Councillor Jones and resolved –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Licensing and Environmental Regulations Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> August and 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 be approved.

#### **45. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

It was moved by Councillor Mistry, seconded by Councillor Jones and resolved –

That the minutes of the meetings of the following Scrutiny Committees be approved:-

Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

Children Services and Culture Scrutiny Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2013

**46. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 –  
ENHANCEMENT OF RAIL SERVICES**

It was moved by Councillor Haslam and seconded by Councillor Wild -

This Council is mindful of the fact that fast reliable rail connections to the main centres of population are an essential prerequisite for regeneration and the development of Bolton's economy. It is clear that there is a strong business case to be made for more rail services from Bolton to serve the major economic centres of Britain.

In the absence of anything being prepared at Greater Manchester level which actively supports Bolton's case then this Council requests the appropriate officer to commission a report which sets out both the business case and economic reasons for the enhancement of rail services to and from Bolton.

This report will need to consider the benefits not only for the Bolton economy but also for the rail companies. This can be done by:-

- 1) The restoration of the Scottish services from Manchester Airport to Glasgow and Edinburgh via Bolton following the electrification of the Bolton to Preston and Manchester lines in December 2016;
- 2) The rerouting of half of the Birmingham to Scotland services via Bolton which will serve the greater population centres of Stockport, Manchester and Bolton than those at present served;
- 3) Consideration of the Cross Country services to the south and south west starting from Bolton or Preston thus restoring the service pattern which has previously existed; and
- 4) The installation of direct daily train services from Bolton to London.

This report will need to be presented to Network Rail, Department of Transport, Transport for Greater Manchester and the train operating companies of Trans Pennine Express, Cross Country, Virgin and Northern Rail.

Upon being put to the vote, the Motion was declared carried.

(The meeting started at 7.00 p.m. and finished at 7.32 p.m.)

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**NOTES**