

**Extraordinary Meeting of the Council 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 –  
Order Of Business**

# **Bolton Council**

- 1. Prayers**
- 2. Mayor's Communications (if any) and fire evacuation procedure**
- 3. Conferment of the Title of Honorary Alderman of the Metropolitan Borough of Bolton On**

Mr. John Byrne

Motion to be moved by Councillor Peel

- 4. Conferment of the Title of Honorary Alderman of the Metropolitan Borough of Bolton On**

Mr. Norman Critchley

Motion to be moved by Councillor Greenhalgh

- 5. Conferment of the Title of Honorary Alderman of the Metropolitan Borough of Bolton On**

Mr. Guy Harkin

Motion to be moved by Councillor Donaghy



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6. Declarations of Interests.
7. Petitions – None received
8. Proceedings of the Meeting of the Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

*Motions, amendments and questions of which notice has been given and items upon which comment will be made*

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<b>9. Constitution</b>					
14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019	Council Summons	Motion	Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	AGMA Constitution	That the revised AGMA Constitution, as detailed in the report circulated, be agreed.
14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019	Council Summons	Motion	Chairman of Audit Committee (Councillor Mrs. Thomas)	Powers and Duties of the Audit Committee	That the proposed changes to the powers and duties of the Audit Committee, as detailed in the report circulated, be agreed.
<b>10. Changes In Committee Membership and Appointments To Other Bodies</b>					
See Appendix 1					

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<b>11. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(a)</b>					
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15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 15:22 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Silvester	Weekly Grey Bin Collections	Would the Executive Cabinet Member confirm if it is still Conservative group policy for a return to weekly grey bin collections in Bolton, which was confirmed as Conservative group policy both to me and the Council at the budget meeting in 2018, both by the Leader of the Conservative group, Cllr. Greenhalgh and also Cllr. Walsh. If it is no longer Conservative group policy, when was this policy dropped and who made the decision and why ?
15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 15:29 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Peel	Fly Tipping	At the meeting of the Place PDG in July 2019, information was presented to members that clearly showed that there had been no rise in fly tipping across the borough on council owned land. The figures were confirmed to be based upon the same comparable land over many years. In addition to this, a senior officer responded to a question from me to state that he has no evidence whatsoever, either through reports received from the public or feedback from fly tip operatives, that there had been any increase in fly tipping over the years, either on council or privately owned land.

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					<p>Does the Executive Cabinet Member, on behalf of the Conservative Group, still maintain that fly tipping is at “unprecedented levels” as stated in Conservative election materials for the last few years.</p> <p>If she does maintain this, can she explain why her officers are wrong and how she intends to remedy this.</p> <p>If she does not maintain this, can she apologise on behalf of her group for the lies that her party has told, designed only to talk-down the borough in order to win votes.</p>
15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 15:29 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Service Delivery (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Peel	Fly Tipping on Unadopted Land	<p>At a previous meeting of the Council, the Executive Cabinet Member responded to a question, that she was willing to look into the issues of a change in policy so that the council would in future remove fly tips from unadopted land. The Place PDG met at the end of July, to consider this item amongst others, yet there was no costings presented for this idea.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member inform council if she intends to call another Place PDG to look at this issue in further detail. Notwithstanding whether or not this happens, can the Executive Cabinet Member inform council when she intends to make a decision on this policy proposal and what the costs to the council will be.</p>

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18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 19:05 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Radcliffe	Timescale for Highways and Pavements Works	Councillors have now been consulted on the extra £10 million of funding for highways and pavements. Can the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration please confirm when works will start and how long does he anticipate the works taking?
18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 22:00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Cllr Greenhalgh)	Councillor Hornby	Reviving Britain's struggling high streets	<p>LABOUR leader Jeremy Corbyn came to Bolton at the weekend to announce "radical" plans to boost town centres like Bolton and "revive Britain's struggling high streets" such as ours in bid to bring the town back to their thriving best.</p> <p>Does the Leader of the Council believe that he has the right strategy in place to deliver a credible solution?</p>
18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 22:00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor Cunningham	NWEP Compound, Church Road, Kearsley	<p>Would the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport confirm the "latest end date" for the use of this compound which has been a moveable feast for the last five years. Most recently Highways told local Councillors that the date had now been extended to September 2019 but local councillors know this no longer to be the case.</p> <p>Residents and councillors are also concerned that the goal posts have been moved and that Network Rail no longer intend to restore the site to its original state</p>

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					<p>which would include ground works rebuilding stables etc. and are citing the cost of doing so as prohibitive but Cllrs and residents argue this must have been known at the outset of the project.</p> <p>There were topographical studies carried out at the beginning of this project and more recently in its current state so it should be easy to identify the differences.</p> <p>There is also further concern that Network rail now propose to keep the compound as a permanent feature for planned maintenance works (they say mainly at weekends) the residents of the surrounding streets have suffered disturbed sleep for the last five years and we will not benefit in any way from this project as very few trains stop at Kearsley, Farnworth or Moses Gate stations and we still have to drive to Bolton and pay parking charges or taxi fares in order to board trains at Trinity Street. We are now potentially faced with disturbance in perpetuity.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member confirm that this is unacceptable and further make available all details of what was agreed between the Council/Highways and Network Rail at the outset of this project and undertake to work with the local councillors to protect the affected residents who are at the end of their tether.</p>

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					<p>Finally can the Executive Cabinet Member confirm that the council will carry out a survey of Church Road at the end of this project and employ all available avenues to vigorously pursue a claim against Network Rail for the full cost of resurfacing Church Road (Circa £190K) and any further cost to be determined for underlying structural damage caused by the use of vehicles associated with this project over the last five years which continually ignored the prohibition notices?</p>
<p>18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 22:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Council Summons</p>	<p>Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (Councillor Muslim)</p>	<p>Councillor Gibbon</p>	<p>Shopmobility Service</p>	<p>Members will recall last year a question was asked on the subject concerning Shop mobility which moved to Top Way from its location at Le Mann's Crescent in the heart of the town centre. I was assured that the service was classed as an essential and important part of the Councils care for the Disabled and Elderly although run by a trust.</p> <p>Unfortunately, this service has deteriorated even further and is in need of a review before it becomes unviable.</p> <p>The service receives a grant of £21,578 from this Council to which key priorities are attached.</p> <p>Would the Executive Cabinet Member review the funding it receives and at the same time see if the service can be relocated closer to the centre of the town centre or in the transport interchange which is the ideal location?</p>



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18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 22:00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Hornby	Attractions in Bolton	<p>Bolton has many free great attractions all of which are on our doorstep one such place is the Moses Gate Country Park which has visitors from not just Bolton but all over the North West.</p> <p>Could the Leader of the Council indicate to the Council his intentions to ensure this attraction will remain and extend?</p> <p>Could he also tell us what plans the controlling group has for Rock Hall and will he consider extending the Country Park to include the Bolton to Bury canal from Hall Lane Little Lever to Ladyshore in order that we can help the Rivers Trust, the Canal Society and the many voluntary Groups bid for outside funding such as English Heritage, Sport England and the National Lottery.</p> <p>These groups have an aspiration to restore the breach in the canal which happened in 1936, rebuild the locks and create a working canal once again.</p> <p>This would become a great attraction and help us restore the English Heritage we have before it's too late and we lose it forever.</p> <p>The other month school children took to the canal in canoes and had a great experience the children where from schools in Little Lever and Prestolee.</p>

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					<p>Would the Leader also except my invitation to visit the area with members of the various groups and see for himself the potential benefit which this could have at no expense to this Council.</p>
<p>18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 22.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Council Summons</p>	<p>Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery (Councillor Warren)</p>	<p>Councillor Hornby</p>	<p>Albert Halls</p>	<p>Last week I had the pleasure of looking around the Heathcote's Restaurant in the Albert Hall's with our Assistant Director ahead of its opening shortly. I was very impressed as to the detail which has gone in to creating a facility here in the heart of our very own Town Hall which is first class which has gone into great detail to have the local Bolton feel to it, even down to carpet with a pattern of a cobbled street.</p> <p>Could the Executive Cabinet Member inform the Council of interest to date of this new facility, the improvements into the Albert Hall bookings for shows and what changes have taken place in order to make the Albert Hall, the Registry Office and Heathcote's work closely together and help give the public an experience they will enjoy and hopefully return to and recommend to others.</p>

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18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 23.36 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Walsh	Higher Blackburn Road Post Office	<p>The Higher Blackburn Road Post Office is the last one in Astley Bridge, serving a wide area including the Oldhams estate, one of the most deprived areas in the Borough. Following the closure of the all the banks in Astley Bridge in recent years the Higher Blackburn Road Post Office is the only remaining financial institution and is an important facility in Astley Bridge the next nearest being Halliwell Road and Tonge Moor Road post offices both some 1.5 miles away.</p> <p>Will the Leader of the Council agree that the Council should write to the Post Office and support ward councillors in arguing the case for this important facility to be kept open?</p>
18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 23:36 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Walsh	Energy Recovery Site at Raikes Lane	<p>I am sure that members, like me, were surprised to receive the recent email with the announcement from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority that the Energy Recovery Centre at Raikes Lane is to close on 26 August. Whilst the closure is understandable during construction work the permanent closure raises a number of serious issues, inter alia,</p> <p>When was the decision taken by the GM Combined Authority to close and not re-open the facility?</p>

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					<p>Did the GMCA consider the impact of additional traffic at the Salford Road transfer station as a result of the permanent closure of Raikes Lane and consequential re-direction to the Salford Road site?</p> <p>What consideration was given and risk assessment made by GMCA of the risk of fly tipping of builders rubble as a consequence of this no longer being accepted at Raikes Lane?</p> <p>What case did the then Leader of the Council make against the closure?</p> <p>Finally and now most importantly, will the Leader and Executive Cabinet Member give an assurance that they will press the GMCA and SUEZ to give adequate publicity that the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Hurstwood Court will remain open at all times for all household waste?</p>
18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 23.38 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Wellbeing (Councillor Baines)	Councillor Cunliffe	Capital Spend in the Health Service	I welcome the opportunity of £1.8bn capital spend within our Health Service. Can the Executive Cabinet Member please inform us how much of this spend is new money and not just capital already in the system that the Health Service has been prevented by Government from spending. Would the Executive Cabinet Member please also write to her Leader and request additional new money for our much needed health service estate overall?

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19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 00:06 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Mrs. Thomas	Funding for Brexit	<p>£150k was allocated to Bolton Council last year for Brexit.</p> <p>It was ring fenced but there was little guidance given.</p> <p>As October 31 is fast approaching could we be informed if we have been allocated anything further or given any further information on the Brexit situation in the case of No Deal?</p>
19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 07:26 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Hayes	Funding for Brexit	<p>Given the announcement that the whole of local government will receive £20 million for Brexit preparations compared with £100 million for Boris' propaganda machine, does the Leader of the Council feel that £20 million is sufficient for the whole of local government?</p> <p>Can he please indicate how much of this £20 million will be received by Bolton and how it will be spent?</p> <p>Can he please indicate the costs of Brexit that may fall on the Council and the local economy, and can he give an assurance that he will demand additional funding from central government necessary to protect local services, local tax payers and the local economy?</p> <p>Can he also confirm when the Government will release the confidential study they have done on the expected impact of Brexit on Greater Manchester which the Combined Authority has requested for over a year, but which Government has refused to release?</p>

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19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 07:26 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Service Delivery (Councillor Warren)	Councillor McGeown	New Litter Bins	<p>During this year's local elections the Conservatives made much play about the condition of the Borough, particularly about litter, and promised that things would improve.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member confirm the content of a recent e-mail to Westhoughton Town Council that there are no new resources and no capacity to cope with any new litter bins.</p> <p>Can the Executive Cabinet Member say when the extra capacity promised will be delivered?</p>
19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 07:26 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Wilkinson	Mayoral Precept for free travel to young people	Can the Leader of the Council justify the fairness of the Elected Mayor charging an additional precept to all Council Tax payers to provide free travel to young people while also charging pensioners £10 for previously free travel on trains and trams in Greater Manchester?
19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 07:59 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Chief Executive	Councillor Hayes	Greater Manchester Pension Fund Notice of Motion	The Chief Executive will recall that at Council on 20th March a Motion was passed in relation to the Greater Manchester Pension Fund. It called on the Fund to immediately freeze any new investment in fossil fuel companies, including those engaged in fracking operations and exploration; a phased disinvestment from such companies; and to work with the Combined Authority develop and fund a sustainable low carbon investment programme for Greater Manchester.

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					<p>The Motion also required all other relevant authorities and employers to be informed of this Council's resolution, and to seek their support.</p> <p>Can the Chief Executive please confirm that other authorities and employers have been made aware and can he also give an update on what has happened since? I would be happy if a more detailed response could be given at an early meeting of Cabinet.</p>
19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 09:40 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Dean	State of Affairs in the Jammu and Kashmir	Can the Leader of the Council confirm he will be writing to the Foreign Secretary On behalf of Bolton's British Kashmiri residents to highlight their concerns and anxieties with the state of affairs in the Jammu and Kashmir?
<b>12. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(c)</b>					
18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 20:45 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Council Spokesperson for Fire (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor Fletcher	Greater Manchester Fire Service	Can the Council Spokesperson for Fire, for the ease of residents' concerns within Bolton please confirm the current position in regard to the proposed closure of fire stations, the reduction of crew members from 5 to 4 and that too of the reduction of pumps. This of course was an initial proposal by Greater Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham, in his capacity as Greater Manchester's Fire Commissioner, to which he has now, albeit reluctantly, due to pressure from numerous bodies, deferred the plans to reduce the

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					funding for Greater Manchester Fire Service and is now to argue for an increase to the budget from government in the spending review when it comes.
18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 22:00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Council Spokesperson for Police (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor Hornby	101 Service	Concerns have been expressed by us all as to the 101 service for general reporting of Crime in the Greater Manchester Area. It is unacceptable for a resident to have to wait on the telephone for long periods of time to firstly get an operator answering the telephone let alone a police officer responding.  Could he indicate what is being done to address this issue and restore some faith for the public who are fast losing faith in the police.
19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 07:21 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Council Spokesperson for Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor Wilkinson	Bicycle Storage Cages and Waiting Room Facilities	Could the spokesperson inform council how much the bicycle storage cages on platforms 2/3 and 4 cost including installation and removal costs.  Could the spokesperson indicate what efforts are going to be made to improve waiting room facilities at the station ?



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<b>13. Committee Proceedings</b>					
<b>Planning Committee</b> Motion to be moved by Councillor Walsh <b>(See Section B).</b>					
<b>Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee</b> Motion to be moved by Councillor Dean <b>(See Section C).</b>					
<b>14. Scrutiny Committees</b>					
Composite Motion to be moved by Councillor Peel					
<b>(A) Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D)</b>					
<b>(B) Place Scrutiny Committee (See Section E)</b>					
<b>(C) Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section F)</b>					
<b>(D) Health Overview and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section G)</b>					

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<b>15. Item referred to Council from Scrutiny Committee</b>					
14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Hayes	Land at Singleton Avenue	That the decision should be referred to Council with a recommendation that the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader portfolio resolves not to sell the land but retain it as open green space for the continuing benefit of residents in Horwich
15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019	Council Summons	Amendment	Councillor Silvester	Land at Singleton Avenue	This Council believes that the decision made by the Executive Cabinet Member, Deputy Leader to dispose of Council owned land off Singleton Avenue, Horwich should be reversed. Council believes that this land is a valuable community asset of open green space and should be available for use for the continuing benefit of residents for recreation and leisure purposes as was the case before being included in the Allocations plan. Council believes that the Executive Cabinet Member, Deputy Leader should listen to the 456 objections received against the sale of the land and the decision of this Council's Planning Committee to refuse permission to build on this land. Council therefore concludes that this land should not be sold and that the Executive Cabinet Member, Deputy Leader should reverse his decision.

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<b>16. Motions Under Standing Order No 4</b>					
(a)	National Health Service Motion to be moved by Councillor Wilkinson				
(b)	Regulated Bus Service in Greater Manchester Motion to be moved by Councillor Silvester				
(c)	Construction Charter Motion to be moved by Councillor Donaghy				
(d)	Housing Allowances for Care Leavers Motion to be moved by Councillor Cunliffe				
(e)	Nitrous Oxide Misuse Motion to be moved by Councillor Haworth				
(f)	Introduction of Voter ID Motion to be moved by Councillor Cunningham				
(g)	GM Spatial Framework Motion to be moved by Councillor Donaghy				
(h)	Climate Change Motion to be moved by Councillor McMulkin				
(i)	Train Stations at Farnworth, Kearsley and Moses Gate Motion to be moved by Councillor Heslop				

## **Appendix 1**

### **Meeting Of the Council – 21st August 2019**

#### **Changes in Committee Membership and Appointments to Other Bodies**

Moved by Councillor Dean and Seconded by Councillor McKeon

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

1. That Councillor Bullock replace Councillor Newall on the Health Overview and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee
2. That Councillor Sanders be appointed to serve on the Single Local Joint Consultative Committee
3. That Councillor McKeon replace Councillor Donaghy on the Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee
5. That Councillor Donaghy replace Councillor McKeon on the Place Scrutiny Committee
6. That Councillor Newall replace Councillor Hayes on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee
7. That Councillor Newall replace Councillor Bagnall on the Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee
8. That Councillor Newall replace Councillor Hayes on the Central, Health and Safety Joint Consultative Committee
9. That Councillor Radcliffe replace Councillor Muslim on the Education Assistance Panel
10. That Reverend Canon Dr Chris Bracegirdle be appointed at the Church of England Diocese Representative on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee