

## Meeting of the Council 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Order Of Business

# Bolton Council

1. Prayers
2. Mayor's Communications (if any)
3. Petition – none received
4. Declarations of Interests.
5. Proceedings of the Meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

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

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<b>6. Constitution</b>					
17th November, 2021	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Cox	Scheme of Delegation for 2021/2022	That the amendments to the Council's Scheme of Delegation for 2021/2022, as circulated, be approved.
<b>7. Recommendation to Council</b>					
17th November, 2021	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Cox	Changes to Polling Places and Districts	That the changes to polling places and districts for May, 2022 elections, as detailed in the report now circulated, be approved.

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17 <sup>th</sup> November, 2021	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Peel	Appointment of External Auditors	That the proposal to opt into the sector-led option through Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the appointment of external auditors to principal local government and police bodies for five financial years from 1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2023, as detailed in the report now circulated, be approved.
<p><b>8. Changes In Committee Membership and Appointments To Other Bodies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Councillor McKeon replace Councillor Haworth on the Planning Committee</li> <li>2. That Councillor Cowen replace Councillor Hartigan on the Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee</li> </ol>					
<p><b>9. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(a)</b></p>					
18 <sup>th</sup> November, 2021 15:06 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Peel	Redevelopment of Crompton Place	<p>Notwithstanding, the varying rates of progress being made on other regeneration sites in the town centre, does the Leader agree with me that the planned redevelopment of Crompton Place is central to and fundamentally important to the wider Bolton town centre plans?</p> <p>Furthermore, does the Leader agree with me that the failure to secure levelling up funds to progress the plans for Crompton Place is a disaster for our Bolton town centre strategy?</p>
18 <sup>th</sup> November, 2021 15:09 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Peel	Levelling Up Fund	Will the Leader inform Council as to why Bolton Councils bid for £16.2 million to the 'levelling up fund' was rejected by the Chancellor, Rishi Sunak; a bid that was integral to the progression of the Crompton Place redevelopment?

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					<p>Can he furthermore give a reassurance to Council that the application that was submitted to the 'levelling up fund' met all of the required criteria and timescales that have been laid down by the Government, to enable them to fully consider such bids?</p>
<p>21<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 14:33 p.m.</p>	<p>Council Summons</p>	<p>Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (Councillor Dean)</p>	<p>Councillor Heslop</p>	<p>Payment of Area Forum Grants</p>	<p>Payments to community groups, voluntary organisations and other recipients, have in the past taken a considerable amount of time to be paid out by the Council. One particular group in Kearsley advised that it took nine months from application to actually receiving the funds.</p> <p>Does the relevant Executive Cabinet Member agree with me that the timeous payment of such grants is vital given the cashflow challenges facing many of these recipients? Could the Executive Cabinet Member also confirm to this Council any statutory requirements and/or standard of service in respect of the expected time to make such payments, along with the actual length of time actually taken to make such payments in the past year?</p>
<p>21<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 17:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Council Summons</p>	<p>Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning (Councillor Hewitt)</p>	<p>Councillor Flitcroft</p>	<p>Communal Boiler Systems</p>	<p>I am sure that most members will be aware of the Bolton News article at the end of October, which highlighted the Bolton at Home policy of communal boiler systems being switched off between the hours of midnight and five a.m. I had been involved in correspondence prior to the publication of the article with the resident who raised the issue and had enquired of Bolton at Home if this was</p>

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					<p>indeed their policy and how it was communicated with existing and new tenants. I am still awaiting a full response from Bolton at Home but have been advised by one of their Senior Officials that “as far as they were aware, there is no official policy around communal heating times in place, that could be shared with you at this time”.</p> <p>The Official said that the current communal heating time availability had been in place for several years after a period of adjustment to bring all such system in line. They added that any policy change around this matter would have to go out to consultation to all tenants serviced by communal heating systems, as heating charges are averaged across these types of tenancy and any increase in heating availability times may cause an increase in charges.</p> <p>My concern is that these residents have had their choice taken away from them. We all know that the elderly feel the cold more than most and that they proportionately spend more of their time awake than most and tend to rise earlier.</p> <p>Would the Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning please ask the Council’s representatives at Bolton at Home to raise this issue on behalf of our elderly residents who are directly affected by this policy?</p>

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21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2021 18:08 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor Hartigan	Integrated Rail Plan for the North and Midlands	Improving the rail connectivity and reliability for Bolton is an essential ingredient for the regeneration of our town and its economy. What are the opportunities for Bolton in the recently integrated Rail Plan for the North and Midlands?
21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2021 22:04 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader (Councillor Mrs. Fairclough)	Councillor Walsh	Albert Halls	At the recent Mayor's Remembrance Concert I was surprised about several aspects of the Albert Halls including the operation of the bar with failings such as the limited range of stock, the inability to pre-order and that payment was by cash only. Coupled with the closed restaurant this raises major concerns about the future viability of the Albert Halls. After the major work on the refurbishment of the Albert Halls I am sure all members will share my concerns about what is clearly the lack of a viable business plan when that work was completed. It cannot be that Covid-19 is the only reason for this. Can the Council now be assured that these failings and others will be addressed in order to ensure a viable future for this valuable asset?
21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2021 22:04 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Walsh	Bolton College of Medical Science	I am sure the Leader will agree that the budget announcement of £20m for the construction of the Bolton College of Medical Science is good news in many ways, not just for health services but also as a catalyst to the regeneration of the wider area. Coupled with the recent funding for Farnworth town centre does the Leader also agree that after 40 years of failure this Council is now delivering on the promise to the residents of Farnworth?

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21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2021 19:37 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor Veevers	Barrow Bridge Road	<p>Following the collapse of a retaining wall, Barrow Bridge Road has been closed to all vehicles since August 2020. The Executive Cabinet Member may recall that earlier this year I asked that reconstruction of this retaining wall begin as soon as possible. However, despite the preparation of a comprehensive scheme for just this purpose I was told that there was, at that time, no money available to carry out these much-needed repairs.</p> <p>It is my understanding that funding has now been found, and if my understanding is correct, can the Executive Cabinet Member give assurances to residents that Barrow Bridge Road will soon be re-opened and if so when does he expect this to happen?</p>
21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2021 22:46 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (Councillor Dean)	Councillor Sanders	Policing and security across Farnworth Town Centre	<p>Farnworth Town Centre remains in the news for all the right reasons when it comes to the imminent major regeneration, however, lately there has been a large spike in burglaries to our town centre business sector. Businesses are being broken into each night and vandalism remains a persistent issue. Business owners and local residents are understandably feeling annoyed and are questioning the effectiveness of policing and security across Farnworth Town Centre. Will the Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities meet with Farnworth ward councillors to discuss this matter, and also seek assurance from Greater Manchester Police that Farnworth Town Centre is a priority and being afforded the resources it warrants?</p>

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22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2021 09:58 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care (Councillor Morgan)	Councillor Hill	Remembrance Day Parades	Does Bolton's armed forces champion agree with me that the success of this years Remembrance Day parades was due to the hard work and dedication of our local volunteers, council officers, veterans and serving armed forces. And that we will we continue to honour our armed forces in years to come both in the town centre and across the wider borough?
22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2021 10:36 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Warren)	Councillor McKeon	Disposal of land at Haslam Park	<p>On the 19th October 2021, the Executive Cabinet Member made the decision to dispose of land at Haslam Park for the specific purpose of the provision of a new secondary school, to serve the Rumworth and adjacent communities.</p> <p>As confirmed by the minutes of the decision, the view of the Ward Councillors was that disposal of the land can be supported on the proviso that a masterplan for the wider area be developed that would consider a "replacement park" to "replace or not detriment access, and current services for the local community." The Executive Cabinet Member approved that "reinstatement of the park" be a part of the decision delegated to the Director of Place, in consultation with the Ward Councillors.</p> <p>Will the Executive Cabinet Member confirm that:</p> <p>A) Should the land ultimately not be used for the provision of a new school, the land will revert back to Council control as recreation; and</p>

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					B) That should plans for the school go ahead, there be no net loss of 'publicly accessible recreation land' in the wider context of a redefined boundary of Haslam Park, and that if this requires one off capital monies to be used to bring any current inaccessible land into recreational use, then this be facilitated.
22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2021 10:49 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Wellbeing (Councillor Baines)	Councillor Haworth	Public Information	Hearing from Bolton General Practitioners and health managers at the Scrutiny Committee meeting, it is clear that reducing patient face to face appointments in primary care was being implemented before Covid 19 struck in February 2020. The shift to more online consultations and appointments being part of the NHS long term plan. But at the scrutiny meeting it was acknowledged that there has been dissatisfaction and consternation among the public over difficulties accessing face to face GP and primary care appointments. Can the Executive Cabinet Member confirm that, with the Council working with partners on health and social care, there will be lessons learnt from that pre-Covid period in the Borough; that the public should be fully informed and fully consulted when there is change planned in health or social care here?

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22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2021 11:11 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Warren)	Councillor Weatherby	Farnworth Market Precinct site	On Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November, the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration approved to accept £1.4m of Brownfield Land Fund from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. This is more excellent news for the regeneration of Farnworth Town Centre. For the benefit of the public and council members, please can the Executive Cabinet Member give more details regarding this secured funding and how it will benefit the imminent works to the Farnworth Market Precinct site?
22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2021 11.40 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor Galloway)	Councillor Donaghy	Harvey Nursery	<p>Would the Executive Cabinet Member please explain to Council why on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, she decided to close Harvey Nursery? Does she agree with me that this decision is a smack in the face to democracy in Bolton, as Full Council has on 2 occasions instructed her to reconvene the Collaborative Working Group: a body that was originally set up in order to look for solutions for the nurseries future viability.</p> <p>Will the Executive Cabinet Member inform council as to why she chose to ignore the wishes of Council and chose not to reconvene the Collaborative Working Group.</p>
<b>10. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(c)</b>					
None					

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<b>11. 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 Flitcroft <b>(See Section C)</b> .					
<b>12. Scrutiny Committees</b>					
Composite Motion to be moved by Councillor Silvester  <b>(A) Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D)</b> <b>(B) Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (See Section E)</b> <b>(C) Place Scrutiny Committee (See Section F)</b> <b>(D) Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section G)</b>					

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<b>13. Motions Under Standing Order No 4</b>					
(a)	Changes to the way planning decisions are made at a local level Motion to be moved by Councillor Silvester				
(b)	Qualifying age for free prescriptions in England for 60 to 66 years of age Motion to be moved by Councillor Haworth				
(c)	Misogyny Motion to be moved by Councillor McMulkin				
(d)	Vaping Motion to be moved by Councillor Baines				
(e)	Traffic Management at Remembrance Sunday events Motion to be moved by Councillor Heslop				
(f)	Debt Advice Provision Motion to be moved by Councillor Challenger				