

REPORT TO:		Council	
DATE:		07 November 2024	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Julian Joinson, Head of Member Services	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Motions for Debate at Council - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oswaldtwistle Civic Theatre 2. Change to Council Procedure Rules 3. Accrington Victoria Hospital 4. Request for an Orgreave Inquiry 5. M65 Review 	
EXEMPT REPORT:	No		
KEY DECISION:	No	If yes, date of publication:	N/A

The Council will be asked to consider the following motions submitted under Council Procedure Rule A9:-

1. Oswaldtwistle Civic Theatre

The Civic Theatre is a hub of activity that has welcomed residents of all ages into an amazing space of creativity and arts. Sat in the heart of Oswaldtwistle, it provides a highly valuable community service to those in Hyndburn.

To ensure that the building is restored and reopened to a new glory, this Council commits to creating a new cross-party working group, to be chaired by Cllr Josh Allen, Deputy Mayor and local Ward Cllr for Immanuel.

Proposer: Cllr Danny Cassidy

Secunder: Cllr Marlene Haworth

Signatories: Cllr Zak Khan, Cllr Loraine Cox, Cllr Kathleen Pratt

Submitted on Tuesday the 8th of October 2024 (17:03)

2. Change to Council Procedure Rules.

This Council approves a change to Council Procedure Rules that reverts to allowing motions and notices to be signed by at least two members.

Proposer: Cllr Zak Khan

Secunder: Cllr Danny Cassidy

Signatories: Cllr Kathleen Pratt, Cllr Judith Addison, Cllr Loraine Cox, Cllr Josh Allen, Cllr Marlene Haworth, Cllr Mohammed Younis, Cllr Steven Smithson, Cllr Tina Walker

Submitted on Tuesday the 8th of October 2024 (21:55)

3. Accrington Victoria Hospital

This Council is hugely disappointed in the East Lancashire Health Trust decision to close Accrington Victoria hospital. As such a short timetable was released by the Trust, we feel it failed to allow residents and the community to have their voices heard. We feel as a Council this action has disproportionately affected Hyndburn residents, and particularly those of Accrington.

This Council asks the ELHT to pause this action rather than close, invest in the building and vital services it delivers.

The Council resolves to:

- (1) Write to ELHT and ask them to pause this closure.
- (2) Contact the Right Hon Wes Streeting, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, to ask him to formally ask the Health Trust to stop this closure.
- (3) Create a working group with key stakeholders including the Health Trust, social housing providers and developers to look at forming a plan which will offer a solution to ongoing building issues and look to access funding that will ensure Hyndburn residents are given fair and proportional health care based in the heart of our town.
- (4) Within the working group the Council would establish a residents, patients and local GP's community panel who would be included in all decisions concerning the site, its development and its future use.

Proposer: Cllr Paul Cox

Seconder: Cllr Andrew Clegg

Signatories: Cllr Munsif Dad, Cllr Bernard Dawson, Cllr Melissa Fisher

Submitted on Tuesday the 29th of October 2024 (12:14)

4. Request for an Orgreave Inquiry

This Council is concerned and disappointed by consecutive Home Secretaries' refusals to hold an inquiry into policing of events at Orgreave during the 1984/85 Miner's Strike.

Many Hyndburn residents were involved in the dispute and were themselves members of the National Union of Mineworkers and such have suffered injustice during the strike.

This Council congratulates the Scottish Parliament who in 2018 ordered an independent review to investigate and report on the impact of policing on affected communities in Scotland during the period of the miners' strike from March 1984 – March 1985. As a consequence of

this review the Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Act 2022 came into force on the 27th July 2022.

This Council is pleased that in 2018 the Bishop of Sheffield wrote to then Home Secretary, proposing that an Orgreave independent panel be established. This proposal was disappointingly rejected and more recently consecutive Home Secretaries have refused to meet with the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign to discuss a way forward.

This Council is also pleased about the decision of the Welsh Assembly in 2018 to write to the then Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, to ask for an independent review into policing in England and Wales during the miners' strike.

This Council praises the many Members of Parliament who have tried to use various parliamentary procedures to encourage the Government to hold an Orgreave inquiry.

This Council also praises the many other councils who have passed resolutions and contacted the Home Secretary to get up an Orgreave inquiry.

This Council resolves to:

- (1) Ask, in light of such actions from the Scottish and Welsh Governments, the Bishop of Sheffield, Members of Parliament and Councils, that the current Labour Home Secretary holds an Orgreave inquiry as soon as possible.
- (2) Write to the Home Secretary to say that the opinion of this Council is that there is widespread public concern about events and policing throughout the miners' strike and calls for the Home Secretary to order an Orgreave inquiry as soon as possible.

Proposer: Cllr Paul Cox

Secunder: Cllr Andrew Clegg

Signatories: Cllr Munsif Dad, Cllr Bernard Dawson, Cllr Melissa Fisher

Submitted on Tuesday the 29th of October 2024 (12:14)

5. M65 Review

This Council resolves to write to Highways England and Lancashire County Council to request an urgent review of the general safety of the M65 motorway. Given the frequency of recent accidents, including those occurring in daylight and at night, it is essential to assess this stretch for potential safety improvements, including but not limited to lighting. This review should aim to enhance overall road safety, reduce accident risks, and ensure the well-being of all road users.

Proposer: Cllr Noordad Aziz

Secunder: Cllr Kate Walsh

Signatories: Cllr Heather Anderson, Cllr Melissa Fisher, Cllr Vanessa Alexander, Cllr Munsif Dad

Submitted on Tuesday the 29th of October 2024 (15:12)