

In the matter of the Representation of the People Act 1983

And in the matter of a Local Government Election for the Coldhurst Ward of Oldham Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2021

Between:

1. Montaz Ali Azad

Petitioner

- and -

1. Abdul Jabbar

2. The Returning Officer

Respondents



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**ORDER**

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Upon an application to withdraw the said local government election petition (the Petition) made by the petitioner by application notice dated 22 November 2021

And upon reading the petitioner's grounds of the application to withdraw and the witness statement of Montaz Ali Azad

And upon the court being required to appoint a day for the hearing of the application to withdraw the Petition

IT IS ORDERED THAT

1. The said application shall be listed for hearing as a remote hearing by MS Teams at 10am on Friday 17 December 2021 with a time estimate of 1 hour
2. Pursuant to Election Petition Rules 1960 (the Rules) 12(2)(a) the Petitioner shall, by no later than 7 clear days before the date referred to in paragraph 1 above, serve the application, the said witness statement of Montaz Ali Azad and this order on:
  - a. The First Respondent, Abdul Jabbar by serving it on his solicitors, Edwards Duthie Shamash of 12 Baylis Road, Waterloo, London SE1 7AA.
  - b. The Director of Public Prosecutions at 102 Petty France, London SW1H 9EA

- c. The Returning Officer and Second Respondent by serving it on their solicitors, Sharpe Prichard LLP, Elm Yard 10 – 16 Elm Street, London WC1X 0BJ
3. The petitioner shall publish notice online and in print of the intended application in the Oldham Evening Chronicle by no later than 7 clear days before the date referred to in paragraph 1 above
4. Such notice shall state:
  - a. The nature of the application
  - b. The date and time of the hearing
  - c. The fact that the hearing will be conducted remotely
  - d. That any person who seeks to attend the hearing shall give details of their mobile number and email address to the Election Petition Office via email to **Election\_Petitions@Justice.gov.uk** by no later than 2 days before the hearing in order that they may be connected to the hearing.
5. By no later than 24 hours prior to the hearing the petitioner shall file with the EPO certificates of service confirming service in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 above and a copy of the notices set out in paragraph 4 above.

Dated 6 December 2021

**HHJ Andrew Saffman**

**Commissioner**