

FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE Agenda

Date Thursday 31 July 2014

Time 7.00 pm

Venue Failsworth Town Hall, Oldham Road, Failsworth, M35 0FJ

- Notes
1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact Paul Entwistle or Caroline Walmsley at least 24 hours before the meeting.
 2. CONTACT OFFICER for this Agenda is Caroline Walmsley Tel. 0161 770 5151 or email caroline.walmsley@oldham.gov.uk
 3. DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR is John Norris, tel. 0161 770 5025 or email john.norris@oldham.gov.uk
 4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS - Any member of the public wishing to ask a question at the above meeting can do so only if a written copy of the question is submitted to the contact officer no later than 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Councillors Ames (Vice-Chair), Bates, Briggs, Dawson, Fielding, Garry (Chair), McMahon, Stretton and Williams

Item No

1 Apologies For Absence

2 Urgent Business

Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair

3 Declarations of Interest

To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.

4 Public Question Time

To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.



5 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 6)

The Minutes of the Failsworth and Hollinwood District Executive held on 26th June 2014 are attached for approval.

6 Petitions

This is a standing item regarding Petitions received, relating to the Failsworth and Hollinwood area, for consideration by the District Executive in accordance with the Council's Petition Protocol. No Petitions have been received.

7 Failsworth & Hollinwood District Budget Report (Pages 7 - 14)

8 District Updates from Regeneration, Greater Manchester Police and Highways (Pages 15 - 34)

9 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Failsworth and Hollinwood District Executive will be held on Thursday 2nd October 2014 at 7.00pm.



Present: Councillor Garry (Chair)
Councillors Ames (Vice-Chair), Bates, Briggs, Dawson, Fielding,
McMahon, Stretton and Williams

Also in Attendance:

Emma Alexander	Executive Director Commercial Services
Carol Brown	Assistant Executive Director
John Norris	Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Caroline Walmsley	Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Garry informed the District Executive that she had been advised by the Borough Solicitor that her husband's employment did not prevent her holding the position of Chair of the District Executive.

Councillors McMahon and Briggs declared a personal interest in Item 10 – Update on parking issues at Brierley Avenue, by virtue of their appointment as school governors.

4 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Ames be elected Vice Chair of the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions had been received.

6 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2014 be approved as a correct record.

7 **NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED that:

1. Councillors Stretton and Williams be appointed to Contour Housing;
2. Councillor Dawson be appointed to the Failsworth Old People's Welfare Association.

PETITIONS

The District Executive received a report on the options to control dogs in Higher Memorial Park, Failsworth.

It was reported that contained within the new Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill 2014 were various powers available to the Council to address issues such as those described by the petitioners, specifically a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). These orders were intended to replace the existing specific orders that currently can be used such as Dog Control Orders. The PSPOs were more flexible and could be tailored to circumstances in an area. The order could prohibit certain activities such as the drinking of alcohol as well as placing requirements on individuals carrying out certain activities, for instance making sure that people walking their dog keep them on a lead.

The PSPO could be varied and have multiple restrictions and requirements in one order. It could also be prescriptive about the time certain activities could take place. The Government's intention was that PSPOs would replace and streamline all the other specific orders such as Dog Control Orders. PSPOs could be put in place for a maximum of 3 years before their ongoing need must be reviewed. They could be renewed so long as the Council was satisfied that there was an ongoing need for the restrictions. It was anticipated that the Bill would receive approval to be used by October 2014.

It was further reported that the District Executive could continue to progress with the consultation process for the Dog Control Order, but this order would then need to be amended into a PSPO within three years.

RESOLVED that a Public Spaces Protection Order be developed, specific for the Park, in conjunction with the lead petitioner, other partners and community representatives, with a view to it being advertised and implemented as soon as the bill is enacted later in the year.

PETITIONS PROTOCOL

The District Executive was requested to note the amendments to the Petitions Protocol that had been agreed at Annual Council on 11th June 2014.

RESOLVED that the amendments to the petitions protocol be noted.

UPDATE ON PARKING ISSUES AT BRIERLEY AVENUE

The District Executive gave consideration to a report which outlined the work that had begun in respect of car parking issues at Failsworth Soccer Centre and Brierley Avenue and informed

of further work which would commence prior to the new Mini Soccer League Season.



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It was reported that the Manchester Youth and Mini Soccer league was one of the largest central venue leagues in the North West and was hosted on a weekly basis at Failsworth Soccer centre. In recent months, there had been growing concern with regards the car parking for spectators and parents of the league.

The District Coordinator convened a Partnership Meeting in order to consider the problems that were faced and also to consider solutions and ways forward. The meeting was well attended and the Centre Manager advised partners of the work that she and colleagues had already undertaken. A number of actions were taken by Partners in order to resolve the issue in both the long and short term. The Action Plan listed a number of responses which were both medium and long term partnership strategies, envisaged would reduce the number of problems come the next season in September 2014.

The District Coordinator and Centre Manager visited the complainant and advised of the approach that was being taken to solve the issues and also of future plans to deal with the situations.

Councillor McMahon thanked Councillor Briggs and the District Co-ordinator for the work that had gone into this issue. It was suggested that a Community Forum needed to take place before the school term ended in order to feed back to local residents the action that had been taken and what further action was planned.

Concerns were raised regarding parking issues as a result of the driving school and it was requested that contact be made with the Driving Standards Agency regarding the relocation of the school.

RESOLVED that:

1. The report be noted.
2. A Community Forum be arranged before the end of school term.
3. A request be submitted to the Driving Standards Agency regarding the relocation of the driving school.

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FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT BUDGET REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Executive Director, Economy Places and Skills and a verbal update provided by the District Co-ordinator which advised the District Executive of the breakdown of expenditure during 2014/15 and the funding available to spend during 2014/15. The report and update also sought consideration of funding for a number of projects and areas of work.

Councillor Bates requested a copy of the guidelines for the Councillors delegated budget which outlined the parameters on what the budget could be used for.



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RESOLVED that:

1. The funding allocations made by the District Partnership during 2014/15 be noted.
2. The funding available for 2014/15 be noted.
3. The allocation of £1,300 for the provision of a Christmas Tree in Failsworth be approved.
4. The allocation of £300 for the provision of a refreshments and materials in Hollinwood be approved.
5. The allocation of £600 for the provision of a refreshments and materials in Failsworth be approved.
6. The allocation of £400 for the dressing and undressing of Christmas Tree in Hollinwood be approved.
7. The allocation of £400 for the dressing and undressing of Christmas Tree in Failsworth be approved.
8. The allocation of £1,000 for the dressing and undressing of Christmas Lights at Failsworth Pole be approved.
9. The allocation of £1,000 for the dressing and undressing of Christmas Lights at District Town Hall be approved.
10. The allocation of £2,000 to the Failsworth and Hollinwood District Team for event organisation and refreshments be approved.
11. The allocation of £3,000 for material costs for minor work programmes for Failsworth & Hollinwood be approved.
12. The allocation of £13,796 for the continuation of the Citizens Advice Bureau 'Make the most of your money' project be approved.
13. The allocation of £5,000 for supervision costs to support the work of Community Payback within the Failsworth & Hollinwood District be approved.
14. The allocation of £4,000 for the provision of greenings at various locations within the District to include Roman road, Lord Lane and Westminster Road be approved.
15. The allocation for £1500 for 'Hollinwood Together' be approved.
16. The allocation of £1035 for World War I commemorative boulder at Lower Memorial park be approved.
17. The allocation of £3835 for World War I commemorative boulder at Higher Memorial Park be approved.
18. The allocation of £750 for Roman Road summer planting be approved.
19. The allocation of £659.48 for tarmac and bollards on Elm Road be approved.
20. The allocation of up to £5,000 for dropped crossing, re-surfacing and installation of H-bar at Clough Gate be approved.
21. The allocation of £10,000 for Bowling Green fencing at Higher Memorial Park be approved.
22. The allocation of £5,000 for alley gating at Norman Street, Minor Street and Emily Close be approved.
23. The allocation of £500 for minor fence repairs at Higher Memorial Park be approved.

24. The request for Hollinwood Junction planting scheme to be funded separately be forwarded to the Council for consideration.
25. The guidelines for the Councillors delegated budget be circulated.

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DISTRICT UPDATES

The District Executive received updates on the following:

a) Highways and Engineering Services – Issues discussed included:

- Tesco, Failsworth – A concern was raised over the length of time this was taking along with potential dangers the site currently posed. The importance of getting the scheme right was stressed and therefore couldn't be rushed. It was reported that Unity was now in the process of refining the design and the construction stage was planned for December 2014.
- Byrom Street Carriageway Resurfacing – To be completed in the school holidays 2014.

b) Accident Remediation Scheme – A62 Oldham Road, Failsworth – Wrigley Head to Wickentree Lane.

c) Citizens Advice Bureau – an update was given on money management and the fortnightly sessions being held at Failsworth Town Hall and Limehurst Library.

d) Community Safety – an update was given on community safety initiatives including alley gating projects.

e) Integrated Neighbourhood Policing – Inspectors Taylor and Troisi introduced themselves to the District Executive and gave an overview of their roles and neighbourhood policing background. It was highlighted that the content of the District Partnership report needed to be discussed to establish context of information and data and ensure openness and transparency.

It was also felt there was a clear need to improve the working relationship and communications between Greater Manchester Police and the District Executive, with attendance at District Executive meetings being part of those improvements. Furthermore, Ward Councillors would be invited to attend specific operations.

The success of the Cadets programme was highlighted in terms of not only providing additional resources but also providing opportunities for young people.

RESOLVED that the updates be noted.

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DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the dates and times for future meetings be noted, subject to the 31st July 2014 meeting commencing at 7pm.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.18 pm



Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive

Failsworth & Hollinwood Budget Report

Report of Carol Brown, Assistant Executive Director,
Neighbourhoods

Portfolio Responsibility: Neighbourhoods

Officer Contact: John Norris

Ext. 5025

Thursday 31st July 2014

1. Purpose of Report

To advise the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive of the current budget commitments.

2. Executive Summary

The report advises the District Executive on the current commitments and spends in respect of Elected Members individual budgets and the District Executive budget including Capital spend 2014/15

3. Recommendations

1. That the District Executive notes the funding allocations made at the last meeting of 24th June 2014
2. The District Executive notes the remaining funding available for 2014/15

4. Current Position

District Partnership Budget

The District Executive has a total allocation of £105,000 (£25,000 revenue and £10,000 capital per ward) which is available to help meet the priorities and actions set out in the District Plan.

Decisions on this funding will be made by the District Executive of the District Partnership.

**Failsworth & Hollinwood District Partnership £75,000.
£25,000 per ward**

Failsworth West - £25,000

Project/Initiative		Cost Per Project
	Provision of Christmas Tree	£700
	Christmas Switch On Refreshments	£300
	Dressing and undressing of Christmas Tree	£200
	Dressing and undressing of Christmas Lights Pole	£500
	Dressing and undressing of Christmas Lights FTH	£500
	Failsworth & Hollinwood District Team for Event organisation	£666.66
	CAB Making Make the most of your money (£13796)	£4598
	Community Pay Back within Failsworth & Hollinwood	£1666
	Greening within Failsworth, Lord Lane, Westminster Road, Roman Road	£2000
	Total	£11,130.66
	Remaining	£13869.34

Failsworth East - £25,000

Project/Initiative		Cost Per Project
	Provision of Christmas Tree	£700
	Christmas Switch On Refreshments	£300
	Dressing and undressing of Christmas Tree	£200
	Dressing and undressing of Christmas Lights Pole	£500
	Dressing and undressing of Christmas Lights FTH	£500
	Failsworth & Hollinwood District Team for Event organisation	£666.66
	CAB Making Make the most of your money (£13796)	£4598
	Community Pay Back within Failsworth & Hollinwood	£1666
	Greening within Failsworth, Lord Lane, Westminster Road, Roman Road	£2000
	Roman Road Summer Planting	£750
	Bowling Green Fencing Higher Memorial	£10000

	Minor Fence Repairs	£500
	Total	£22,380.66
	Remaining	£2619.34

Hollinwood - £25,000

Project/Initiative		Cost Per Project
	Christmas Switch On Refreshments	£300
	Dressing and undressing of Christmas Tree	£400
	Failsworth & Hollinwood District Team for Event organisation	£666.66
	CAB Making Make the most of your money (£13796)	£4598
	Community Pay Back within Failsworth & Hollinwood	£1666
	Hollinwood Together Festival	£1500
	Total	£9130.66
	Remaining	£15869.34

Failsworth & Hollinwood District Partnership Capital Fund £10,000

Failsworth West - £10,000

Project/Initiative		Cost Per Project
	Failsworth & Hollinwood Minor Works Programme	£1000
	Higher Memorial Park Commemorative Boulder	£3835
	Total	£4835.00
	Remaining	£5165.00

Failsworth East - £10,000

Project/Initiative		Cost Per Project
	Failsworth & Hollinwood Minor Works Programme	£1000
	Lower Memorial Park Commemorative Boulder	£1035
	Total	£2035
	Remaining	£7965.00

Hollinwood - £10,000

Project/Initiative		Cost Per Project
	Failsworth & Hollinwood Minor Works Programme	£1000
	Tarmac & Boulders Elm Road	£659.48
	Dropped crossing, resurfacing and installation of H Bar at Cloughgate	£5000
	Total	£6659.48
	Remaining	£3340.52

5. Individual Councillor Budgets

Individual Councillor Allowance

Each Borough Councillor will be allocated an allowance of £3,000 on which they may take decisions. The breakdown of this expenditure for 2014/15 is attached for information in appendix 1.

6. Funding initiatives

1. To confirm that from the Failsworth West Capital Budget £3000 to be assigned to the material costs for Brookdale Street traffic issues.

7. Financial Implications –

The total financial position for **2014/15** Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive allocations and the schemes for consideration with indicative funding source are shown below

	<u>Failsworth & Hollinwood District Partnership</u>	<u>Failsworth & Hollinwood District Partnership Capital</u>	<u>Councillor 's Budget</u>	<u>Total</u>
Budget Allocation	75,000	30,000	27,000	132,000
Previously approved spend	-	-	-	-
Proposed Spend	42,642	13,530	5,360	61,532
Remaining Allocation	32,358	16,470	21,640	70,468

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Failsworth & Hollinwoods Councillors Spend 2014-15

Failsworth East		Failsworth West		Hollinwood	
Cllr Briggs	3000.00	Cllr Bates	3000.00	Cllr Ames	3000.00
Project	Amount	Project	Amount	Project	Amount
Roman Rd Planters	252.00				
Total Spent	252.00	Total Spent	0.00	Total Spent	0.00
Total Remaining	2748.00	Total Remaining	3000.00	Total Remaining	3000.00
Cllr Dawson	3000.00	Cllr Fielding	3000.00	Cllr Stretton	3000.00
Project	Amount	Project	Amount	Project	Amount
Roman Rd Planters	252.00	Re-gravel Failsworth Pole(up to £1000)	1000.00	Limeside Pre-school - kitchen	239.00
USB sticks for Job club	80.00	Brass Band Association	375.00		
		Dalton St. Alleyway	200.00		
		Earls Lodge gardening equipment	460.00		
Total Spent	332.00	Total Spent	2035.00	Total Spent	239.00
Total Remaining	2668.00	Total Remaining	965.00	Total Remaining	2761.00
Cllr McMahon	3000.00	Cllr Garry	3000.00	Cllr Williams	3000.00
Project	Amount	Project	Amount	Project	Amount
Roman Rd. activity mornings	250.00				
Re-gravel Failsworth Pole	1000.00				
Roman Rd Planters	252.00				
Westminster Garden Party	1000.00				
Total Spent	2502.00	Total Spent	0.00	Total Spent	0.00
Total Remaining	498.00	Total Remaining	3000.00	Total Remaining	3000.00

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Failsworth & Hollinwood District Partnership Regeneration Update

Date: July 2014



1 Key Borough Wide Projects

Old Town Hall

Planning permission and Listed Building Consent were obtained in July 2012. Following the evaluation of a detailed procurement process, Morgan Sindall were awarded the Stage 1 construction contract. Design development is continuing during the stage 1 pre-construction services period to fully embed the cinema operators and food retailers design requirements into the scheme. During the Stage 1 period, additional enabling works were approved by Cabinet to further de-risk the project, and align with funding timelines. Following completion of the stage 1 pre-construction services, and associated enabling works, the Council will be in a position to agree the stage 2 construction costs, and proceed with the main Design and Build award. In order to finance the project alternative forms of financing are being investigated including the Business Premises Renovation Allowance.

Oldham Town Centre Leisure Centre

In April 2013 Cabinet approved the enhancement of the previously agreed baseline facility mix with the addition of a further 4 court sports hall for Oldham Town Centre. This makes the sports hall into an 8 court hall. The full facility mix is as follows:

- 25m 8 lane pool
- 150m² learner pool
- 8 court sports hall
- 4 lane indoor bowls hall
- 80 station fitness suite
- 2 no. group exercise/dance studios
- Café

Officers have completed negotiations to formally agree the costs and service responsibilities required for a formal agreement with Willmott Dixon for an main works contract to instigate full design and construction. The full extent of the works associated with the main works contract comprises the full demolition of the existing buildings within the site boundaries, site preparation, construction of the new leisure centre and external works.

Key Dates

- Start on site for the main works is programmed for 28 July 2014.
- Practical Completion is programmed for October 2015
- Leisure Centre operation following installation of loose FF&E by OCLL is programmed for November 2015

Consultation

Consultation has been on-going with interest groups during the re-procurement of the Leisure operating contract between 2011 and 2012. Further stakeholder engagement has taken place which includes Oldham Community Leisure, Sport England, National Governing Bodies of Sport and user groups throughout the design process.

Economic Benefit

Willmott Dixon has recently signed the Get Oldham Working Charter in which they commit to achieving a range of employment, training and supply chain targets that will benefit residents and businesses of Oldham and Greater Manchester. These include new jobs being created, permanent positions and apprenticeships, work experience and supply chain opportunities. Willmott Dixon expect to achieve all the targets set out in the Charter, and in some instances, exceed them. They have committed to work with the Get Oldham Working Team and partners, such as the GM Chamber Construction GTA to maximise the benefit of these opportunities to local residents. All work related opportunities created by Willmott Dixon and their supply chain partners will be linked into the Get Oldham Working campaign. Progress against the targets will be monitored regularly by the Get Oldham Working Team and will be reported on a quarterly basis at the Get Oldham Working Board.

Coliseum & Heritage Centre

This project involves relocation of Coliseum Theatre, museum, archives, local studies and stores to the currently vacant former Library and Art Gallery building. The former library building on Union St is to be refurbished and redeveloped to accommodate the Heritage and Arts Centre and a new 550 seat theatre is to be constructed on the adjoining Southgate Street car park. Both buildings will be linked and will have a single point of access from the gardens at the front of Gallery Oldham.

In addition to the Council's expenditure to progress the design and procurement stage, the project has received Round 1 Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Stage 1 Arts Council England (ACE) funding. Second stage bids to secure delivery funding (construction) are to be made to the ACE in July 2014 and HLF in October 2014 with decisions due between November 2014 and January 2015.

In support of funding from the three identified parties, a fundraising and contribution target has been set.

This is a complex project involving multiple stakeholders, the main work streams are Design and Procurement, Governance, Business Planning and Fundraising.

The procurement of a main contractor has commenced with the issue of a PQQ which is currently being evaluated. Design has progressed to RIBA stage D. A high level business model for the project has been created and is now being developed into a detailed business plan. An agreement to a single trust governance structure has been reached by the Council and colleagues at Oldham Coliseum Theatre.

Town Centre Public Realm

A new pedestrian signage scheme to cover the main Town Centre pedestrian routes from key visitor arrival points such as the Metrolink stops, bus stations and car parks to the Town Centre and its individual destinations is being implemented. The signage scheme is contemporary in style and comprise of finger posts and monoliths, incorporating local information and Town Centre maps. The sign posts are brushed stainless steel with grey finger with white lettering and coloured logos for facilities where appropriate. Wood and Wood were appointed in November 2013 to develop the detailed signage scheme. They have worked closely with the Council to design the monoliths including bespoke artwork for the boroughs key attractions and detailed town centre maps. The installation of the finger posts is almost complete, and the installation of the monoliths is due to start by the end of July.

The Council's connectivity programme is a £1.7 m coherent and comprehensive programme of works, improvements and public realm enhancements to the connecting street and routes to and from the main destinations in the Town centre, building upon the enhancements around the Metrolink route. By combining resources and activity from both the Local Transport Programme and the highways maintenance programme, the programme avoids duplication, and makes the most of the resources available. The programme will rectify routes in poor condition, enhance the public realm and improve the visual appearance and visitor experience.

Each street and public area has been identified as requiring a certain palette of treatment, whether this be Gold (highest), Silver (medium) or Bronze (standard) surfacing and treatment. Within each palette there are choices of suitable materials dependant on the location (i.e. whether it is pedestrianised, a key route, takes vehicular traffic etc.) The programme takes account of the works and/or enhancements required to bring each street/area up to the standard identified.

Highways maintenance currently spends in the region of £150,000 per year on ad hoc repairs in the town centre which are inappropriate (i.e. Tarmac patches). It is envisaged that all paving materials which are removed from the Public Realm/LTP schemes which are in a good condition will be retained which will allow the Highways Team to reuse these materials for their continued maintenance work in the Town Centre. The increased investment as a result of this programme, combined with a planned maintenance approach rather than the current reactive maintenance approach which should significantly reduce the burden on the revenue budget within the town centre.

Works started in January 2014 and are continuing in a phased programme until August 2015. Highway Improvement Schemes and developments that directly affect Public Realm connectivity will also continue until Summer 2015.

Foxdenton

Oldham Council is working with Foxdenton LLP to bring forward the development of 110 acres of land for employment uses as allocated in the recently adopted Local Development Framework. Specific objectives include:

- Creation of a 30 hectare quality business park
- Development of 1 million sq ft of new industrial and business floor space which will result in an estimated 3,332 new FTE jobs and 1,073 construction jobs also being created
- Development of up to 500 residential units
- Reclamation of 11 hectares of derelict land.

The Council has entered into a new 50:50 JV with Foxdenton LLP that will manage the delivery of the development. Council members on the JV Board are Cllrs Jim McMahon, Dave Hibbert and Jean Stretton.

Planning approval for the development was granted in Feb 2014 comprising:

A) Full planning permission for:

- 1) A new spine road connecting the A663 'Broadway' and B6189 'Foxdenton Lane' with associated ground re-modelling
- 2) The means of vehicular access into the site
- 3) The demolition of all existing buildings within the site

B) Outline planning permission for an employment-led mixed use development with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for:

- 1) Office (Use B1a use); Light Industrial (B1c use); General Industrial (B2 use) and Storage and Distribution (B8 use) floorspace
- 2) Residential (C3 use) units
- 3) Area of public open space in the form of a new linear park

Further info including plans available from www.foxdentonllp.co.uk

Hollinwood

To facilitate progression of development opportunities at Hollinwood Junction by working in partnership with Langtree Plc in relation to OMBC owned land at Albert Street/Mersey Road North (13 acres) and other major private land owners via an established Hollinwood Partnership.

Royton Town Centre Retail Development

OMBC is working with private sector partner Dransfield Properties Ltd. Work is progressing to bring forward Phase 1 development. Partners continuing discussions to secure food store operator to anchor scheme. Hybrid planning application (Outline plus full application for Phase 1) submitted January 2013 and approved at Planning Committee on 29 May 2013. Discussions on going with Co-op and appointed administrators for precinct owners interests.

2 Key Failsworth & Hollinwood Projects

Hollinwood Junction



Oldham Council is working with the private sector to promote significant development opportunities in and around Hollinwood Junction (J22 M60).

The Council has entered into a partnership agreement with Langtree Plc to bring forward 13 acres of council owned land for high quality business / employment led uses on land off Albert Street. In addition, the Hollinwood Partnership has been set up to work closely with other major land owners at Hollinwood Junction to co-ordinate development and marketing activity at this key location.

There are 3 main development sites at Hollinwood Junction:

- **Point** - 13 acres of council owned land that form a triangle bounded by Albert Street, Roman Road and the M60.
- **Central** – Land owned by Frank Rothwell, a successful local business, between the Hollinwood Junction Metrolink stop the A62.
- **Circle** - A 1-acre site owned by Noel Dean, one of Oldham's most successful manufacturers, is bringing this site forward for development.

These sites benefit from excellent transport links (road and tram), giving us the opportunity to create a regionally important employment site at a key gateway to the borough.

Point (Albert Street Site)

Planning permission is in place for the demolition of the existing gasholder and the development of an employment-led mixed use scheme on the council owned land off Albert Street. The council is in advanced dialogue with National Grid regarding the removal of the gas holder and is exploring all opportunities to secure external funding assistance to cover the costs of infrastructure development, the gas holder demolition and site remediation.



Point - Potential developments on the Albert Street site

Key project dates so far:

- March 2013 – Planning application submitted
- May 2013 – Planning obtained
- July 2013 – Application submitted to Greater Manchester Investment Fund
- June 2014 – Cabinet approval for revisions to Strategic Partnering Agreement with Langtree

During 2014 we plan to:

- Reach agreement with the National Grid regarding the removal of the gas holder
- Hold an online launch for Hollinwood Junction, via the Hollinwood Partnership, including the roll out of branding to raise the profile and raise awareness of this excellent business opportunity

During 2015 and 2016 we will:

- Start on site
- Complete the first phase of development on site

Lancaster Club Site

This is a key site for the Council. It has significant potential to deliver high quality housing that is in accordance with the Council's residential strategy. There is also a need to maximise the capital receipt for the site and balancing these key objectives will be critical.

In order to impose positive development obligations, it is necessary to market the site using EU procurement procedures. Consequently, a Pre Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) is being finalised and will be subject to consultation with Ward Members. It is intended for publication in August 2014. The anticipated programme for the full procurement exercise is as follows:

Issue PQQ	Aug 14
PQQ response	Sep 14
Shortlisting	Oct 14
Issue ITT	Oct 14
Mid tender clarification meeting	Nov 14
ITT return	Dec 14
Preferred bidder selection confirmation (including Cabinet approval)	Mar 15

The above programme is consistent with the anticipated availability (late 2015) of the site following relocation of the football pitches to their new site in Limehurst. The preferred developer will be able to develop detailed plans and submit for consultation and then planning whilst the relocation works take place. This should enable a start on site shortly after the pitches are relocated end 2015/early2016.

In addition to placing the advertisement in the European Journal, the opportunity will be advertised in the Estates Gazette, Manchester Evening News and the Oldham Chronicle. The advertisement will provide a brief description and signposts interested parties to "The Chest" where they can register interest and be provided with subsequent documents.

A62 Interventions

The Council are looking at a number of underutilised or vacant properties in and around the A62. The Council have successfully worked with the purchaser of the former Social Security building to assist in bringing this property back into use. A developer has entered into an option with the Audacious Church to bring forward redevelopment of the site. The council are now working with the developer to explore the option of joint redevelopment of this site together with nearby OMBC owned land.

The Council are in negotiations with the owner of the former Weavers Arms with a view to selling the two plots of Council owned land which flank the vacant property. Comprehensive redevelopment of the combined site will then be progressed with the owner. Whilst there is support to progress matters it is noted that there are several utilities that have been placed under the land without the Council's permission. Officers are therefore seeking to either remove or formalise these occupations prior to completing a sale.

Limehurst Estate

This is a joint project between OMBC and Regenda to deliver greater housing choice and area improvements through the development of surplus and under-used land in the area. The project is underway, with the tender due for return in August and selection of a preferred developer being confirmed before the year end following consultation with Ward Members. The project is designed to deliver circa 120 new homes for sale and/or private rent.

Housing Units/Wickentree Lane

Officers are currently finalising a number of options to deal with specific issues. Once finalised, they will give Ward Members simple and cost effective solutions as well as more potentially long term and more costly interventions. It is anticipated that the results of the option appraisal will be finalised by late September.

Oldham Borough INPT 2

District Partnership Report Failsworth & Hollinwood

Oldham Division, Integrated Neighbourhood Policing

Report Dates 6th June 2014 – 15th July 2014

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Anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) includes a range of issues. Behaviour can be anti-social because it is capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to both individuals and the wider community.

Within the Borough of Oldham we have a strong partnership lead approach to tackling ASB and the causes of it preventing it from reoccurring. This partnership approach includes police, local authorities and social landlords. These agencies have wide ranging powers to effectively tackle this problem.

REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BY RINGING 101

Since the 6th June 2014 – 15th July 2014 there has been a decrease anti-social behaviour incidents reported to the police and closed as Rowdy or Inconsiderate behaviour, compared with the same period in 2013.

Motor cycle / mini Moto's incidents has also had a substantial decrease in the amount of reports since 6th June 2014 – 15th July 2014 compared with 2013.

Alcohol related incidents reports have also decreased compared with the same period last year. However we have had a slight increase in youth related under 18 incidents reported in the same period as last year.

ASB Related Statistics 6th June 2014 – 15th July 2014		
	2013	2014
Rowdy Or Inconsiderate Behaviour	106	102
Motor Cycle / Mini Moto	23	8
Alcohol Related Incidents	70	63
Youth Related Under 18	50	57

Victim Based Crime

Reported victim based crime (VBC) has seen a positive decrease across the board in Hollinwood and Failsworth.

Crime Statistics 6th June 2014 – 15th July 2014		
	2013	2014
Robbery	3	0

Theft from person	1	1
Burglary Dwelling Including Aggravated	15	12
Burglary Other Than In A Dwelling	21	12
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	1	4
Theft From Motor Vehicle	20	8
Theft Of Pedal Cycle	9	4

Violent Crime

There has been no change in the amounts of violent crime incidents reported to the police in 2013 or 2014. This could be due to the regular visits are carried out to problem licensed premises this has helped to reduce drink related violence.

The officers will continue going in to schools and engaging pupils in dialogue around violent crime.

Our increasingly scrutiny around domestic abuse and positive action based upon Police and third party evidence has without a doubt contributed to the increase in recorded violent crime however we can celebrate this as a success as the Police and Partners are protecting vulnerable adults and children and it also demonstrates that victims have the confidence to come forward and report crime.

Violent Crime Statistics - 6th June 2014 – 15th July 2014		
	2013	2014
Violent crime (includes GBH, and sexual assault and harassment)	23	23
Assault Without Injury	9	9

Pro – active work

In our last report we informed you of Op Tuscan we instigated - an operation running in partnership with the council and housing to tackle the Anti-Social Behaviour around Failsworth.

Due to the success of the anti-social behaviour operation in Failsworth it has been decided to roll it out across the borough.

Operation Tuscan will initially be used twice a week starting Fri/Sat 18th and 19th July. It will encompass Police, PCSO's, special officers, police cadets and partner agencies such as district partnership team, councillors, trading standards, licencing, environmental services and schools. The aim is to combat ASB in our hotspot areas and interact with the local community providing support and reassurance.

Initially we have a list of 14 hotspot areas to concentrate on (list below). The intention is to provide a team bus with 9 Tuscan staff on and they will police the hotspot areas. The debrief should provide information as to problems in those areas and identify if there are perceived or action issues in that area.

One of the reasons for providing this service is to support the local officers as PCSO's who have identified the fact that when they are patrolling on their own it is virtually impossible to police a group of over 20 youths in particular areas. It is a show of strength and a reassurance technique which once established should identify our main areas of problems so we are able to focus directly on what the actual issues are rather than just keep moving youths from one place to another. The fact that we have got our partners involved is useful in the fact that they have other tools they can use to compliment ours and they can tap into their resources and deal with environmental, licencing and youth service issues etc.

This commitment by the Oldham Borough INPT should have a positive impact on our community and further establish our partnership working relationships.

Hotspot areas:

Failsworth Quay
Hollins Road
Higher memorial park, Failsworth
Coalshaw Green Park
Pocket park, chadderton
Royton precinct/park/library
Shaw market ground
Swan Meadow, Delph
Uppermill Park
Tandlehill Park
Leicester Rd Failsworth
Kiddminster steps, Chadderton
Cricketers Shaw
Churchill Playing fields

We are aware there will be other areas that need looking at and we will cover as much area as possible during the tour of duty but if we make the list too long we are in danger of spreading ourselves too thin and unable to put as much work into these hotspot areas as we would like. The debrief sheet should give us some idea of what areas we need to cover and obviously we will be monitoring any other areas whilst on the operation. A weekly meeting will discuss which areas still need addressing and what areas need to be added for the next tours.

We would be keen to involve our partner agencies and councillors .Please let us know if you would be interested in coming out with us on this operation which will be in place over summer

Warrants

We are still executing warrants in the Failsworth area and collate all intelligence gained from members of the public and act on the intelligence gained.

Good News - Public Confidence & Partnership Working

On the 3rd of July 2014, an offender was arrested on suspicion of 4 armed robberies, and an offence of possession of cannabis with intent to supply. One of the robberies' occurred at the Co-Op Travel, Sissons Street, Failsworth and 2 x possession of imitation firearm in Failsworth.

Further crime details are as follows -

- 1). Robbery at CJ Jewellers, 20-22 Middleton Gardens, Middleton, on 11/04/14.
- 2) Possess cannabis W/I to supply, at 69 Wood Street, Middleton, on 22/04/14.
- 3). Robbery at Co-op Travel, Colmar House, Middleton, on 27/05/14.
- 4). Robbery at Co-op Travel, Sisson Street, Failsworth, on 31/05/14.
- 5). Robbery at Co-op Travel, 87 Old Street, Ashton under Lyne, on 11/06/14.

The offender was charged on 03/07/14 with all of the above offences and remanded in custody.

He was also charged with the associated possession of weapons used during the commission of the robberies -

2 x possession of imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence at the Failsworth and Ashton robberies (Section 16(A) Firearms Act 1968)

1 x possession of an offensive weapon - knife during the Middleton Co-op robbery. (Contrary to section 1(1) of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953)

1 x possession of and offensive weapon - machete, during the Middleton Jewellers robbery. (Contrary to section 1(1) of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953)

Oldham Police Cadets

A great day was had at Failsworth Town Hall at the passing out parade of Oldham's first volunteer police cadets, which took place on Sunday 13 July 2014 .

Assistant Chief Constable Zoe Sheard, Superintendent Denise Worth and Jim Battle, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, were joined by local community leaders and the families of the cadets at the ceremony in Failsworth.

The scheme is aimed at 13- 17 year-olds and provides a programme of weekly Cadet nights filled with activity, information and – hopefully – some fun.

The aims of the scheme include:

- Promoting and encouraging a practical interest in policing among young people,
- Providing training which will encourage positive leadership within communities which will include volunteering opportunities,
- Encouraging a spirit of adventure and developing qualities of leadership and good citizenship. Cadets will be given the opportunity to obtain a Duke of Edinburgh Award, a First Aid qualification and more.

Cadet units are based in areas where there is currently little to occupy local youngsters. Volunteers have to apply, stating their reasons for wanting to be part of the scheme and are encouraged to remain with the scheme for as long as they can.

On reaching the end of their time as a cadet, they will be given advice on careers and business, help with CVs and information about any opportunities to remain with the Force.

During a "probationary" period they experience drill, physical exercise classes and advice on subjects such as the effective and safe use of social media.

The scheme's team leaders are also volunteers and include schools based officers, PCSO's, special constables and university students, all contributing their own time to run each cadet night.

To build number of successful schemes across the region we are looking for help. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer team leader and can demonstrate a commitment and desire to "change hearts and minds" can contact Inspector Karen Taylor at karen.taylor@gmp.police.uk or Emma Capper at emma.capper@gmp.police.uk.

Crime prevention advise

If you leave any of the following in your vehicle you are inviting the opportunist criminal to steal them:

Bank Cards * Credit Cards * Wallet/Purse * Cheque Book * Loose Change * Coats (old and new) * Handbags * Sports Bag and Equipment * Shopping Bags * Sat-Nav Systems * Laptops * CD's * MP3 Players * Mobile Phones

Cut this notice out and put it on your dashboard when you leave the vehicle.



Help us to drive down crime in your area.

How can you tell if there is commercial cannabis cultivation in your community?

1. A strong sickly sweet smell

This is the biggest indicator of any cannabis cultivation taking place, and is a prime example of these factories being run by serious and organised crime.

2. Cannabis growing equipment being taken into a house

For example lighting and ventilation equipment.

3. Constantly covered or blocked-off windows

Cannabis factories often have constantly pulled curtains or black out blinds or foil coverings.

4. Unsociable coming and going at all hours or neighbours you never see

5. Strong and constant lighting day and night

6. High levels of heat and condensation

Cannabis factories often give off heat and the windows stay misted up.

7. Constant buzz of ventilation

Listen out for a whirring sound as the 'farmers' try to create an ideal climate for plants to grow.

8. Excessive amount of cables

Gangs dig underground to lay cables that hook up to things like lamp posts so they don't have to pay for the enormous amounts of electricity they use. They could be easily stealing around £20,000 worth of electricity.

Further Crime Prevention Advice available

Visit our website www.gmp.police.uk for lots of useful ways to protect yourself and your property. Contact our crime reduction advisor Paul Dearnley on 0161 770 4302 paul.dearnley@gmp.pnn.police.uk

Regular Surgeries are held at:

Failsworth Health Centre

Cloughgate House, Hollins Road

School House Flats, Incline Road

Neighbourhood staff holds regular surgeries where crime prevention advice is available.

The Oldham Borough INPT is based at

Oldham Police Station
Divisional HQ
Barn St
Oldham
OL1 1LR

Direct line: 0161 856 8825

Oldhamborough@gmp.police.uk

Call CRIMESTOPPERS Anonymously On 0800 555 111

As part of our service promise we will continue to listen to the community so it's really important that people tell us what they think about the work officers are doing to keep them safe.

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BRIEFING TO **Failsworth District Executive**

20mph Speed Limits in Residential Areas

Portfolio Holder: Cllr D Hibbert

Report Author: John Booth

Date: 08/07/2014

What the issue is:

Briefing to the District Executive on the motion to consider the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on residential roads within the borough, and to seek the committee's views in principle, on the introduction of such a proposal.

Requirement from Leadership:

N/A

How to be actioned:

- Report author attending
- Discussion item
- Presentation
- Workshop
- Circulate offline to Leadership for information

1 Background and purpose of the proposal

- 1.1 Following a Council motion, Unity Partnership on behalf of Oldham Council as Highway Authority, has been asked to look into the issues associated with the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on residential roads within the borough of Oldham.
- 1.2 The work involves looking at the appropriateness of this proposal and identifying and reporting on relevant factors for consideration. These factors include technical aspects referred to later on in this note but also, and where appropriate, local support is captured via the District Executive meetings across the borough.
- 1.3 Various Local Authorities have introduced similar proposals which have either been borough / city wide and introduced over a phased period, for example a number of years or a pilot area has been commissioned in a particular area and the success monitored over a period of time usually 12 months, to see what has changed before committing to wide spread implementation.
- 1.4 These schemes consist of signage and road markings only, they do not include physical measures such as road humps.
- 1.5 If support is received it is likely that a pilot scheme will be promoted in a particular area of the borough. This will be identified based on the highest level of road causality occurrence.

2.0 Expected Changes in Road Causality Occurrence

- 2.0 It is difficult to quantify the benefits which may follow from the introduction of a 20mph speed limit within residential areas. Perhaps one way to gauge the likely outcomes is to compare the proposal with the position that other Local Authorities have reported in the country. A snap shot has been shown below;
 - Portsmouth – introduced 20mph limits on most residential roads (94% of their road's length). This resulted in a 22% reduction in casualties and an average speed reduction of 1.3mph.
 - Warrington – Introduced 3 pilot areas and produced a reduction in casualties of 27%, with an average speed reduction of 1.5mph.
 - Edinburgh - Contains roughly 79km of streets, of which 20km are covered by existing 20mph zones or other traffic calming and 40km would be subject to the new limit. It is proposed to leave 19km of major or Secondary Roads with a 30mph limit.
 - Newcastle – Introduced Pilot Schemes across 4 area's. There was a reduction in average speed of 1.1mph and a 18% reduction in accidents.

- Wirral – have proposals similar to our own – not progressed yet; however, in the neighbouring Sefton Area which is split into 135 cells, a number of 20mph Zones will be completed per year.
- Liverpool City Council is committed to introducing an extensive 20mph zone across the city; this proposal includes no additional road humps. It will take approximately 4 years to complete at a cost of £1.65m. The city has been divided into 7 areas that have been prioritised based on the number of traffic collisions. It will include almost all residential roads.

3.0 Current Position

3.1 Work has started on this review and as result we aware that;

- There are 56 schemes implemented in the Borough that incorporate 20mph Zones (these have physical measures in place such as road humps).
- These schemes cover a total length of 136km of residential and unclassified roads.
- We are aware of what streets / roads fall within each of these 56 zones.
- We have baseline accident data for each of the 20mph zones.
- We have baseline road causality data for each ward.
- We are aware of what type of physical measures are deployed in each zone i.e. vertical or horizontal deflection (humps versus chicanes).

3.2 Perhaps one of the most significant facts that has come out of the work undertaken to date is that of the 20mph zones (these are areas with physical measures such as humps in place) introduced to date; circa 75% of them have clearly shown a reduction in the number of road casualties reported. The full analysis is not complete but early indications appear to suggest that the figure is significant.

3.3 Work is substantially progressed at a local level to be able to present what is happening in each District Executive and shortly road causality data will be circulated. However, information around the following areas and across the borough will ultimately be required;

- Identifying areas within the Borough that might be suitable for a 20mph speed restriction.
- Understanding existing traffic speeds within existing 20mph zones.
- Understanding existing traffic speed within non traffic calmed areas (non 20mph zone).
- Determining a potential cost for the Borough and at a District Executive level.

3.4 There is still a lot of work that needs to be undertaken and whilst not wishing to pre determine any outcome, commissioning such a large amount of work and incurring the associated costs without first receiving support for the proposal would not be appropriate, so before consideration is given to this work commencing we are engaging all of the District Executive over the next few weeks to seek their views / support on the principle.

4.0 Going Forward

- 4.1 To move the motion forward it is clear that there must be support for the proposal at a local level and it is felt that a starting point for this is to share with the six District Executives the **principle** only, of introducing a 20mph speed restriction rather than what it might actually mean and look like in their particular district. This would mean that the information gathered so far could be consolidated so that some data was available to share at the meeting whilst the data referred to in 3.4 would only be produced if the proposal received support ultimately.
- 4.2 If there was general support for the proposal then the work would continue and the recommendation, subject to funding becoming available, would be to implement a pilot scheme in one area. This would be followed by a monitoring and evaluation period in order to understand the level of benefit generated.
- 4.3 On the other hand if, at this time, there was no majority in favour of the initiative then we would continue with our road safety interventions involving, engineering, education and enforcement which has seen TfGM report in April 2013 that Oldham was the top performing district in Greater Manchester in having the lowest child casualties and a more modest position when considering all age groups.

5.0 Timescales

- 5.1 In terms of timescales we are looking to collate the responses from the six District Executives during July with the ultimate aim of a report being presented to full Council in October 14.

6.0 Recommendation

- 6.1 It is recommended that the District Executive identifies whether, in principle, they support the proposal to look at the implementation of a 20mph speed restriction on residential roads.