

Oldham Borough Council



Council Meeting
Wednesday 9 November 2016

OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

To: ALL MEMBERS OF OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL,
CIVIC CENTRE, OLDHAM

Tuesday, 1 November 2016

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 9 November 2016 at 4.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, for the following purpose:

1 Honorary Freewoman Ceremony

A special meeting has been convened to confer the title of Honorary Freewoman upon Nicola White by resolution of not less than two thirds of the members voting, as nominated by Full Council on the 7th September 2016 in accordance with Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, in recognition of her role as an ambassador for the Borough.

It is anticipated the meeting will reconvene at 6.00pm or at a time thereafter to be declared by the Mayor.

Open Council

2 Questions to Cabinet Members from the public and Councillors on ward or district issues

(15 minutes for public questions and 25 minutes for Councillor questions)

Formal Council

3 To receive apologies for absence

4 To order that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7th September 2016 be signed as a correct record (Pages 1 - 42)

5 To receive declarations of interest in any matter to be determined at the meeting

6 To deal with matters which the Mayor considers to be urgent business

7 To receive communications relating to the business of the Council

8 To receive and note petitions received relating to the business of the Council (Pages 43 - 44)

(time limit 20 minutes)

9 Outstanding Business from the previous meeting

(time limit 15 minutes).

Motion 1

Councillor Dearden to MOVE and Councillor Ur-Rehman to SECOND:

The U.K has the highest level of obesity in Western Europe, with one third of children overweight or obese by the time they leave primary school.

Local councils now have responsibility for health and wellbeing, health promotion and prevention of ill health, so it is incumbent upon us to debate this and make our views known.

We note with great disappointment this government's long-awaited Obesity Strategy, published in August 2016, during parliamentary recess and in the midst of the Rio Olympics, and the lost opportunity to improve our health and wellbeing.

Medical experts and campaigners have criticised the strategy as 'weak and embarrassing' and accused policy makers of throwing away the chance to tackle our culture of unhealthy eating that is crippling the NHS.

The government proposals, centred on the sugar tax announced by George Osborne in May 2016, rely on voluntary action by the food and drink industry and contain no restrictions on junk food marketing and advertising. The sugar tax will not be introduced for another two years.

This Council recognises that local campaigning and awareness raising programmes are most successful when backed by legislative changes, as with the ban on smoking in public places.

This Council therefore resolves that the following measures be taken:

1. Oldham Council, led by our Public Health officers and the Health and Wellbeing Board, (which includes partners such as Housing, Doctors, Hospitals, Oldham Community Leisure , Voluntary groups) , will campaign to ban all high sugar foods and drinks available in our buildings and will encourage schools , community organisations and local employers to do the same;
2. Oldham Council to continue to promote healthy lifestyles and healthy eating through our local campaigns such as 'Get Oldham Growing, Feeding Ambition', 'Go for a Walk', Oral Health, Breastfeeding and other initiatives .

In addition, we request that the Chief Executive writes to the borough's three MPs to inform them of our actions and to ask them to campaign for stronger legislation.

Motion 2

Councillor Roberts to MOVE and Councillor J Larkin to SECOND:

Speed kills: speed is one of the main factors in fatal road accidents. A pedestrian is four times more likely to die if hit at 40mph than at 30mph. In 2014, 282 people were killed in crashes in the UK involving someone exceeding the speed limit and a further 126 people died when someone was travelling too fast for the conditions.

Residents, including those who attend the Community Forums, regularly express their concern about speeding traffic both on main roads and also in residential areas.

Councillors have responded by supporting speed measurement measures, changes to road and junction layout to improve safety, improvements to pedestrian crossings and most recently by funding Vehicle Activated Signs.

However, motorists continue to speed and drive too fast for road conditions and local circumstances.

This Council resolves to

- mount a campaign of driver education to explain the impact of speeding and encourage motorists to obey the law
- take every opportunity available to secure funding to make Oldham's Roads safer
- work with Greater Manchester Police to improve enforcement action against motorists breaking the speed limits
- influence the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 to include a sub-regional approach to tackling speeding and making our roads safer.

10 Youth Council

(time limit 20 minutes)

Every year the United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP) holds a UK-wide ballot called 'Make Your Mark'. Make Your Mark allows all young people to express which issues are most important to them and vote on what they think Members of the Youth Parliament should campaign on for the year ahead. In Oldham we have 2 MYPs in Amber Powell and Georgia Loynds.

On the 11th November 2016 Members of Youth Parliament will come together, at the UKYP House of Commons sitting, to debate the top 5 issues from 'Make your Mark' then decide and vote the most important issues to campaign on for the year ahead.

This year the Make Your Mark ballot papers included:

- **Votes at 16.** Give 16 and 17 year olds the right to vote in all public elections
- **A Curriculum to prepare us for life.** Schools should cover topics including finance, sex and relationships and politics in the curriculum.
- **First Aid Education for All Young People.** All young people should learn basic First Aid, on a regular basis, including CPR, and all schools in the UK should have a defibrillator.
- **Mental health.** Services should be improved with young people's help and mental health education should be compulsory and challenge stereotypes.
- **Transport.** Make public transport cheaper, better and accessible for all.
- **Stop cuts that affect the NHS.** Funding that affects the NHS shouldn't be cut. We must keep up vital services to protect young people.
- **Fund our youth services, don't cut them.** Youth services provide us with vital support, development opportunities and positive activities.
- **Body Image.** More needs to be done to raise awareness on body image issues, particularly the effects of negative body image on mental health. Bullying connected to body image should be challenged and reduced.
- **Raising Awareness of Sexual Harassment in schools.** Let's raise awareness of sexual harassment in schools so that young people affected don't suffer in silence and can get support from schools and teachers.

- **Tackling racism and religious discrimination, particularly against people who are Muslim or Jewish.** All young people should work together to combat racism and other forms of discrimination, and ensure we know the dangers of such hatred.

Make Your Mark in Oldham was co-ordinated by Oldham Youth Council with our Youth Councillors and support staff contacting the schools and asking them to complete ballots in form time or assemblies. The Youth Councillors then took the ballot papers to youth groups and organisations to capture those young people not educated in Oldham or whose school did not participate.

Make Your Mark 2016 was, once again, a success in Oldham. Out of the 16 mainstream secondary schools and colleges, Make Your Mark was delivered in 15 of them. While not all schools had great turnouts it was good to see schools recognising the need for democracy and political education for their students. We would also like to make special mention for North Chadderton School, Saddleworth School and The Hathershaw College all who balloted over 1000 of their students. The Radclyffe School also took Make Your Mark to heart asking their students, during their PHSE lessons, to write speeches on the issue they had chosen. We were lucky enough to have Radclyffe students present the top 5 speeches at our youth council meeting. So the suspense is now over, how many young people took part in Make Your Mark? In total, across the UK, Make Your Mark got the opinions of 978,216 young people just missing the 1million target given to the UKYP. The North West was again the best region, balloting 194,091 young people more than any other region and the turnout of 31.9% was also the highest across the country.

In Oldham this year, it is my pleasure to announce that we were able to consult with 14,013 young people (approximately 200 more the last year) which represents a turnout of 58.7%. We believe this is the Biggest ever youth consultation held in Oldham! This is the 2nd highest turnout, behind Manchester, across the 23 North West authorities and 7th highest turnout across the 224 UK authorities and districts. We also have 2 amazing Youth Councillors Alex Robinson who personally got 2691 votes and Andrew Shillito who got 2117 votes, 24th and 38th highest in the UK respectively. Now the important bit – the results for Oldham.

The top 3 issues for Oldham, identified by Oldham young people are:

- 'Mental Health' with 1535 votes
- 'Curriculum to Prepare us for Life' with 1677 votes
- 'Tackling racism and religious discrimination' with 2487 votes

These issues are all covered by the priorities currently being undertaken by Oldham Youth Council for this term of office, showing that we definitely have the finger on the pulse of what young people are thinking in Oldham today.

The young people of Oldham have spoken! What we need to do now is act on what young people have told us. We need to work with Oldham Council and our partners to look at how we can address these 3 priorities identified by young people. With over half the youth population participating in this it is vital we respond.

We ask Full Council to note the results of the consultation and to work with us to explore how we can address these priorities within Oldham.

11 Leader and Cabinet Question Time

(time limit 30 minutes – maximum of 2 minutes per question and 2 minutes per response)

- 12 To note the Minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on the undermentioned dates, including the attached list of urgent key decisions taken since the last meeting of the Council, and to receive any questions or observations on any items within the Minutes from Members of the Council who are not Members of the Cabinet, and receive responses from Cabinet Members (Pages 45 - 56)

(time limit 20 minutes):-

- a) 22nd August 2016
- b) 19th September 2016

- 13 Notice of Administration Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Motion 1

Councillor Chadderton to MOVE and Councillor J Larkin to SECOND:
Oldham Council notes recent announcements from both the Prime Minister Theresa May and Secretary of State for Education Justine Greening, that this government intends to reintroduce grammar schools and allow academic selection based on ability as measured at the age of 11.

The evidence is clear that the reintroduction of Grammar Schools would be a retrograde step. Grammar schools do not aid social mobility, they do not raise standards across the board and they inhibit the progress of able students from less affluent backgrounds.

A further consequence of the reintroduction of grammar school may be the rise of the old secondary moderns, leading once again to a system where children will be divided into academic and non-academic at the age of 11.

Raising education standards for every child in Oldham is a key priority for Oldham Council, this can be seen in our commitment to the Oldham Education & Skills Commission and the subsequent recommendations from the commission. We do not wish to see a return to selective education and believe this would be to the detriment to a significant number of Oldham's children.

The reintroduction of Grammar Schools was not featured anywhere in the Conservative party election manifesto presented to electors prior to the 2015 general election and we urge the government to abandon these plans.

Council resolves to

- Continue to invest in world class facilities for all of our children.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Shadow Education Secretary Angela Rayner MP pledging our support for the 'Education not Segregation' campaign.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Education Secretary, the Right Honourable Justine Greening MP, setting out our opposition to her plans.

Motion 2

Councillor Briggs to MOVE and Councillor Ali to SECOND:

This Council welcomes the continuing development of the Metrolink network and the increasing numbers of visitors it brings to Oldham, but is concerned at proposals which will see Oldham deprived of a direct service to and from Piccadilly station and the

proposed Piccadilly "Hub".

Anything less than a direct connection to the Piccadilly 'hub' would leave Oldham disadvantaged in terms of access to and from main line train services, the proposed HS2, Manchester Airport and employment opportunities in the regional centre such as the proposed Mayfield Development.

Therefore, the Council instructs the relevant officers to pursue our concerns with Transport for Greater Manchester (TFGM) as a matter of urgency.

Motion 3

Councillor Moores to MOVE and Councillor Harrison to SECOND:

The Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association has launched a Charter to gain support as the Association works towards their vision of securing the right care, at the right time and in the right place for those who suffer with MND, and their carers. Achieving quality of life, dignity and respect for people with MND and their carers must be something we strive for, and adopting the Charter will help us to understand and support these people.

We call on this council to adopt the MND Charter and to help positively influence the lives of people living with MND in Oldham.

14 Notice of Opposition Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Motion 1

Councillor Blyth to MOVE and Councillor Sykes to SECOND:

This Council notes that:

- Over many months, residents in this borough, particularly residents in Shaw and Crompton, have experienced noise and disturbance from large agricultural tractors pulling large trailers containing spoil on public highways from early in the morning until late at night
- In addition, these vehicles are at times driven recklessly and at speed, posing at danger to other road users and pedestrians
- If these tractors and trailers were HGV's they would be covered by a commercial vehicle operator's licence and other legislation that would control their environmental impact on local residents
- At present they are exempted from licensing requirements
- Council believes that tractors used for the purpose of road haulage should be covered by the same licensing requirements as apply to other goods vehicles.

Council resolves to:

- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State asking the Government to sponsor a change in the Goods Vehicle (Licensing of Operators) Act to make tractors used for this purpose subject to the same licensing and legislative requirements as apply to other good vehicles.
- Ask the Chief Executive to copy in the Local Government Association and the three Members of Parliament for this borough and request that they also make representations to the Secretary of State on this matter.

- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Executive of the Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency asking for any assistance they can provide in carrying out road side checks to make sure operators in Oldham are operating safe and road worthy vehicles.

Motion 2

Councillor Tuner to MOVE and Councillor Sykes to SECOND:

This Council notes with dismay that:

- Puppy farming (unlicensed dog breeding) is rife in the UK with only 1 in 10 puppies bred by licensed breeders.
- The Government has yet to act upon the challenge issued one year ago today by Liberal Democrat Defra Spokesperson, Baroness Kate Parminter, to outlaw puppy farming.
- The Government has yet to bring forward the necessary legislation to prohibit the sale of puppies and kittens from pet shops where the mother is not present.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Work in partnership with the RSPCA and other animal welfare agencies to:
 - Investigate any reports, adverts in local papers or websites that offer puppies for sale in the area, alerting other local authorities and agencies, as appropriate.
 - Find and prosecute puppy farmers and other unlicensed breeders.
- Support and promote on the Council's website and in its publications:
 - The Pup Aid campaign "Where's Mum?"
 - The Dogs Trust campaign against "battery farmed dogs".
 - The Kennel Club Assured Breeder scheme.
- Advise residents at public events, especially in the run up to Christmas, on best practice for buying puppies or dogs, encouraging them not to buy puppies or dogs from anyone selling in suspicious circumstances; to report such incidents immediately to the Council's Animal Health and Welfare Service; and to consider purchasing puppies and dogs from rescue organisations or to support the work of the Cinnamon Trust and other re-homing services.
- Look as a local authority to adopt the model license conditions for dog breeding and boarding kennels published by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health in January 2014.
- Look as a local authority to maintain our ban on the sale of puppies and kittens by pet shops in this Borough.
- Work with other social landlords in the Borough to include a ban on puppy farming in tenancy agreements.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Government Minister responsible outlining the view of this Council that the Government should introduce the necessary legislation to:
 - Make licensing for dog breeding more effective, to make the funds from licences available to local authorities to monitor the activities of dog breeders, and to impose stiffer financial and custodial penalties on dog breeders found to be operating illegally and without regard for animal welfare.
 - Introduce greater consumer protection when a member of the public purchases a puppy or dog from a breeder or dealer
 - Prohibit the licensing of pet shops or retail outlets to sell puppies or kittens where

the mother is not present.

- Ask the Chief Executive to copy in the three Members of Parliament for this Borough with a request that they make similar representations to the Minister.

Motion 3

Councillor Gloster to MOVE and Councillor Blyth to SECOND:

This Council notes:

- The £170million reduction in NHS funding for community pharmacies announced on December 17th 2015 which could put many out of business.
- The announcement made by the Government on September 5th 2016 of the delay to the cuts which were originally due to be introduced in October 2016
- The scrapping of plans to introduce a “hub and spoke” model for community pharmacies

This Council believes that:

- The Government's plans threaten patient access to pharmacies and pharmacy services in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham and that the recent announcements are causing uncertainty about future investment in pharmacy services
- Our local pharmacies are at risk of closure or being forced to cut services such as free delivery of prescription drugs, family planning advice and advice on medicines
- This will put more pressure on GPs and hospitals and impact social services and is at odds with the local Clinical Commissioning Group's desire to increase the use of pharmacists to ease pressure on GPs.

This Council resolves to:

- Request that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State responsible calling for the Government to abandon these cuts, rather than just simply to postpone them, and to make a commitment to maintaining a fully-funded community pharmacy service
- Request that the Chief Executive also writes to the Borough's three Members of Parliament and to the Chair of the NHS Oldham Clinical Commissioning Group asking them to make similar representations on this matter to the Secretary of State

- 15 To note the Minutes of the following Partnership meetings and the relevant a spokespersons to respond to questions from Members (Pages 57 - 76)

(time limit 7 minutes)

Health and Wellbeing Board	21 st June 2016
Unity Partnership Board	28 th June 2016
MioCare	11 th July 2016
Oldham Leadership Board	22 nd September 2016

- 15 To note the Minutes of the following Joint Authority meetings and the relevant b spokespersons to respond to questions from Members (Pages 77 - 156)

(time limit 8 minutes):-

Transport for Greater Manchester	15 th July 2016
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Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority	23 rd June 2016 8 th September 2016
Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)	26 th August 2016 30 th September 2016
Joint GMCA/AGMA Executive	26 th August 2016
National Park Authority	1 st July 2016
Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority	10 th June 2016 (AGM) 15 th July 2016

- 16 Update on Actions from Council (Pages 157 - 200)
- 17 Boundary Commission Review Response
Report to follow.
- 18 Oldham Distress Fund Financial Statement (Pages 201 - 208)
- 19 Council Calendar 2017/2018 (Pages 209 - 226)

NOTE: The meeting of the Council will conclude 3 hours and 30 minutes after the commencement of the meeting.



**Carolyn Wilkins
Chief Executive**

PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE OF MOTIONS
NO AMENDMENT

MOTION – Mover of the Motion to MOVE



MOTION – Secunder of the Motion to SECOND – May reserve right to speak



DEBATE ON THE MOTION: Include Timings



MOVER of Motion – Right of Reply



VOTE – For/Against/Abstain



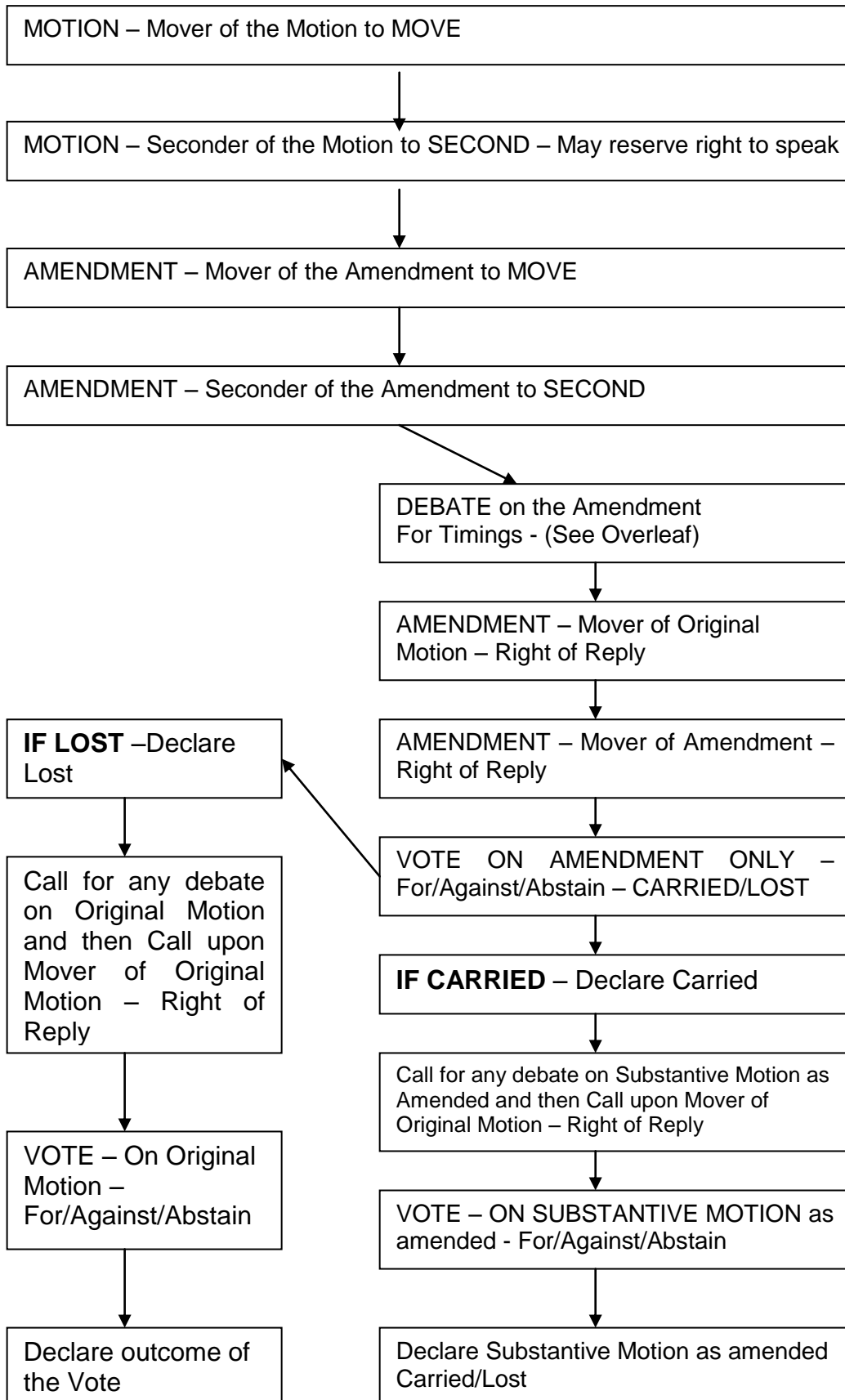
Declare outcome of the VOTE

RULE ON TIMINGS

(a) No Member shall speak longer than four minutes on any **Motion or Amendment**, or by way of question, observation or reply, unless by consent of the Members of the Council present, he/she is allowed an extension, in which case only one extension of 30 seconds shall be allowed.

(b) A Member replying to more than question will have up to six minutes to reply to each question with an extension of 30 seconds

WITH AMENDMENT



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COUNCIL
07/09/2016 at 6.05 pm

Present: The Mayor – Councillor Heffernan (Chair)

Councillors Ahmad, Akhtar, A. Alexander, G. Alexander, Ali, Azad, Ball, M Bashforth, S Bashforth, Bates, Blyth, Briggs, Brock, Brownridge, Chadderton, Chauhan, Cosgrove, Dean, Dearden, Fielding, Garry, Gloster, Goodwin, Haque, Harkness, Harrison, Hewitt, Hudson, A Hussain, F Hussain, Iqbal, Jabbar, Kirkham, Klonowski, J Larkin, Malik, McCann, McLaren, Moores, Murphy, Mushtaq, Rehman, Roberts, Salamat, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Stretton, Sykes, Toor, Turner, Ur-Rehman, Williamson, Williams and Wrigglesworth

1 **QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS FROM THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS ON WARD OR DISTRICT ISSUES**

The Mayor advised the meeting that the first item on the agenda in Open Council was Public Question Time. The questions had been received from members of the public and would be taken in the order in which they had been received. Council was advised that if the questioner was not present then the question would appear on the screens in the Council Chamber.

The following questions had been submitted:

1. Question received from Neil Hardiker:

“Please can you share with me the current details of the following? Acres/hectares of land within the OMBC boundary designated as green belt, OPOL and land reserved for future development and the percentage of the land within the council boundary which each of these 3 categories represents?”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that the total land in the Oldham MBC boundary was 14234.6 hectares (ha); Green Belt: 6254 ha (43.9%); Land Reserved for Future Development (LRFD) – Bullcote Lane, Royton: 2 ha (0.01%); and OPOL: 314.92 ha (2.21%).

2. Phil Howarth, Fitton Hill Bulldogs asked the following question:

“Please can the Councillors of Oldham confirm that our club should be allowed a long lease on the playing fields at Rosary Road to the rear of what was Fitton Hill Senior Schools and then the councils CPD offices?”

Councillor Jean Stretton, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise responded

that the Council acknowledged the wider social and environmental well-being benefits which would result from the club's proposals. Progressing a disposal of land via a 25 year lease was paused to allow for consideration of wider strategic proposals. This work had now concluded. The Council would be contacting the Club shortly to discuss the way forward.

3. Question received from Paul Turner:

“The Cowlshaw development is put to planning this month. As this is OPOL protected land. I trust OMBC will be rejecting it.”

Councillor Barbara Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that the application had been withdrawn by the applicant on Friday, 2nd September 2016.

4. Question received from John McGill:

“Morecambe has a statue of #EricMorecambe Timperley has #Frank Sidebottom why don't we get one for Eric Sykes?”

Councillor Barbara Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that Oldham was lucky by having a number of famous citizens. The cost of statues was controversial. In the current financial climate new statues would not be a first priority. The Council did celebrate famous citizens at Gallery Oldham and would continue to do so at the Heritage and Arts Centre when built. The Gallery had a portrait of Eric Sykes which had been on permanent display in the Oldham Stories exhibition for the past three years.

5. Joe Fitzpatrick asked the following question:

“Bearing in mind the millions of pounds of public money that has been spent on the scheme to refurbish the old Town Hall and the ongoing subsidies and financial inducements be offered to potential tenants of this building, will the council insist that employees are paid the living wage, rather than the minimum, when they work for a company renting space in the town hall?”

Councillor Jean Stretton, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise responded that the old Town Hall was a major regeneration scheme for the town centre and members and the community were excited about the progress on site and the new brands this development had attracted. Whilst the Council could not mandate the employment and wage practices of new employers the Council was supporting recruitment to new jobs via the Get Oldham Working

Programme and the opportunity remained for employers to sign up to the Councils fair employment charter as part of this process. The council would maintain positive relations with all new investors in Oldham as part of this process.



6. Question received from David Jennings:

“My question relates to the term time only pro-rate salary calculation for HLTA and TA staff in Oldham schools. This is not a national wage structure; it is at the discretion of each authority. This policy equates to around 8 weeks of enforced, unpaid leave for these key workers, with a knock on effect for pension entitlement. It also impacts unfairly on the gender pay gap, given most HLTA & TA workers are female.

In light of the recent publicity around the campaign to re-instate annual salaries for these important education workers - in particular the current resistance to change in Durham - will Oldham take a lead and re-instate annual payments?

HLTA's already do perhaps 75% of the work of a fully qualified teacher, for around 50% of the pay – to have this reduced pro-rata to term-time only is a slap in the face for staff who are expected to attend sports days, parents' evenings and other events out of hours, and who have to act on lesson plans and other staff communications in their own time.

Many HLTA's in particular can be the sole 'teacher' in class, delivering the entire lesson. They are qualified, well trained staff - and yet they are treated almost like casual labour. There are suggestions nationally that these key workers should start to take the same view of their personal time as the authorities do of their salaries - and 'work to rule'. This would involve arriving at five to work, leaving on the dot, taking a full lunch break, ignoring 'out of hours' work communications (eg checking lesson plans via First Class) and any other work activity during their own time. If they did take this action, schools - and results - would inevitably suffer.

I have a relative who is an HLTA in an Oldham primary school, so I know what her workload is, and just how dedicated she is to the job, the school and the children. Oldham has recently, quite rightly and very publicly, praised the improvement in exam results this year - and yet these key workers who contribute to this success are not even paid a full annual salary.

Will Oldham Council therefore review the exploitative and punitive policy of term-time only, pro-rata salary payments to HLTA and/or TA staff in schools?”

Councillor Amanda Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Education and Early Years responded that there were no plans to review the contracts of HLTA's and jobs were evaluated by the Oldham Job Evaluations Team. Staff were paid all year round on a Term Time Only (TTO)

basis. Oldham only employed a small number of HLTA's as the majority of classroom support staff were Teaching Assistants. HLTA's could deliver lessons but this was to complement the professional work of teachers. They should not be undertaking 75% of the work nor should they be expected to. If individuals felt they were being asked to undertake work for beyond that they are contracted for, they should discuss the matter with the Head Teacher in the first instance or seek advice of their trade union representative.

7. Question received from Becky Wright:

“What are you doing about the fireworks waking everybody up after midnight every night?”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that this was a difficult issue but officers and partners would review options and report back on anything that could be done in partnership to work to help control the problem.

The Mayor reminded Members that the Council had previously agreed that questions would be taken in an order which reflected the political balance of the Council. The following questions were submitted by Councillors on Ward or District Matters:

1. Councillor Malik asked the following question:

“As you are aware when Westwood Park was closed, it was agreed there will be a play area on Cottam Street and a 7 a side playing field on land at Westhulme Avenue. Can the relevant Cabinet member provide an update on progress and when residents can expect these facilities to be ready and open?”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that the scheme had been put out to public consultation to gather local residents input and design work was due to start next month. This would be followed by a planning application and it was estimated that work would begin on site early next spring.

2. Councillor Garry asked the following question:

“I am in receipt of numerous complaints from residents regarding the cuts on the 181 and 182 bus routes, which is causing huge disruption to residents across the borough. I fully understand that this is a commercial bus route but can we, as a Council ask the bus company to reconsider this decision?”

Councillor Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services responded that the issued had recently been

discussed with the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive of Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) and a meeting had been arranged with TfGM and the bus operator to discuss bus services. The Buses Bill, which if it became law, would give Greater Manchester the opportunity to have more control over bus services.

3. Councillor Brock asked the following question:

“A number of residents have contacted me expressing concern about the spread of Himalayan Balsam on open space around Failsworth, particularly in Daisy Nook Country Park. Does the Council have a policy on the control of this invasive species which is damaging the native plant and wildlife in the area?”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives, responded that this was a problem across the borough and an extremely difficult weed to deal with as it reproduced easily. This weed was not as damaging as Japanese Knotweed and had been treated largely by volunteers and various groups to try to control the outbreaks.

4. Councillor Harkness asked the following question:

“Last year, the government provided grant compensation to our parish councils for loss of income. This was £36,494 for the Saddleworth Parish Council and £19,337 for Shaw and Crompton Parish Council. Unfortunately despite this grant being given specifically for parish councils and not to support general borough council funding, Oldham council are consulting on how the withdrawal of this grant will affect the parish councils budgets. Will the Cabinet Member assure the residents of both parishes that Oldham council will continue to passport this grant to the parish councils and not include it in general borough council funding?”

Councillor Jabbar, Cabinet Member for Finance and HR responded that the grant mentioned was actually given in 2013/14 as part of the settlement when the Revenue Support Grant was £85m. The figures were no longer ringfenced and in the current financial year the Revenue Support Grant had been cut by 50% to £40.5m with next year forecasted to drop to £30.4m. That would be a reduction of £54m from when the figure was set. This clearly presented a major problem to the Council. Other authorities had decided to reduce the grants to parish councils. The Council was consulting on reducing the grant to Parish Councils by £10k which was roughly a 17% cut. The District Partnership budgets had been reduced by 26%.

5. Councillor Fielding asked the following question:

“Virgin Media have recently begun to lay cables to provide their services across Failsworth. Many residents have expressed concern that they had not received adequate information as part of the notification of the works, particularly regarding the positioning of utility cabinets and the exact date that access to their property may be affected. Could the cabinet member ensure that, as this work progresses across the rest of Failsworth, virgin media are encouraged to adapt their communications plans so that residents are better informed and can plan appropriately for the disruption?”

Councillor Stretton, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise responded that the Council were made aware of the Virgin Media expansion of their network across England following which Unity Officers requested further information with a follow up meeting arranged to discuss the issues. As part of the Greater Manchester Road Application Permit Scheme (GMRAPS) pre-site meetings were held to discuss and agree conditions, one of which was a requirement to letter drop two weeks prior to the works starting. Breach of any condition imposed on a permit by a local authority leads to a fine and the utility was brought in to discuss at monthly performance and engagement meetings. If any member was made aware of a breach and an area which had not been leafleted, members were asked to let Councillor Stretton know and officers would act accordingly.

6. Councillor Toor asked the following question:

“As winter is approaching in the near future, my question is, are we prepared for the bad weather? What safety measures are in place to avoid accidents especially there are lots of elderly people in some parts of my ward?”

Councillor Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, responded that planning for the coming winter started when last winter finished. The grit stocks had been replenished over the summer, all winter gritting vehicles had been serviced and prepared, and the dedicated team of specialist drivers had been allocated their rotas. Over the coming weeks, workers would also be out filling the 596 grit bins around the Borough so residents could make sure pavements were free from ice and snow for safety. Over the coming months it was very important that everyone did their bit. The Council was doing as much as it could with the resources available, but everyone could help out in their own way, such as helping neighbours grit their path or simply knocking on doors to see if they were okay. The Council would be doing as much as it could to keep residents informed about what was going on across the Borough and urged residents to log onto the Council website and to listen to

road and weather reports to keep up to date with the latest news.



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7. Councillor Ali asked the following question:

“The Green Dividend Fund 2015 was a £100k one-off fund provided by the council and managed by Voluntary Action Oldham. The aim of the fund was to spark and support community initiatives to make places across the borough greener through gardening and/or landscaping projects. In Chadderton North, Councillors went to lengths to promote this event to our residents. This encouraged residents to come together, putting real thought into how they could improve their area, coming up with ideas themselves, applying and then being successful in winning bids to transform some of our back Alleys. There was genuine commitment from our residents, who took responsibility for the cleanliness of the alleyways and have now started 'Green Growing' projects. It has also made a huge impact in bringing the residents together and building on much needed community cohesion. The residents were well supported by Chadderton District Officers and the Green Ambassador. I'm sure there are many other examples of such green projects across the borough. The last round of funding deadline was on the 27th May 2016. My question is: as the Green Dividend Fund is proving to make a real difference within our communities across the borough and there is still a much need for such community initiatives. I wanted to know whether this Council would support the continuation of this fund.”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that the Council was committed to finding new ways of working and echoed that the dividend had been successful with individual 'greening' projects across the borough. The Council was pleased at the level of community take up for the initiative and recognised that there was an appetite to do more. Unfortunately, due to budget pressures, it could not be guaranteed that there would be further funding at the moment. The Green Dividend Ambassador support would remain in place for the next 12 months. The Green Dividend Ambassadors provided a dedicated resource for groups for the development of unique green space initiatives and provided advice and support to projects. The Ambassadors were also currently exploring other funding streams. Proposals for potential projects were invited to be brought forward. The scheme had been a benefit to the borough.

8. Councillor Blyth asked the following question:

“Can the Cabinet Member please tell me the demolition of the old Shaw Market site was such a shambles and why a security guard was injured as a result? Ward members

warned you that the demolition of stalls at the existing defunct market site in Shaw had to be handled properly, but it was not. The demolition was started in the middle of the school holidays. The site was left unattended on the first night during which the youths knocked all the secure fencing down and then threw all of the demolition materials all over Westway and Back Market Street. I alerted our officers and the police and the next day a single security guard was on site. This aggravated the youths even more. I telephoned the police and then my partner and I went over to the security guard to give him some support. The police took over 25 minutes to arrive. In the meantime, I had telephoned two colleagues, Councillors Murphy and Williamson, who quickly joined us.

This tense and dangerous stand-off carried on for three further nights.

So I would like to ask the Cabinet Member why appropriate safeguards and precautions were not put in place before the work started, and why the work commenced in the middle of the school holidays?"

Councillor Stretton, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise responded that the works to demolish Shaw Market were condensed as much as possible and deliberately scheduled for the school holidays. This was to minimise disruption for businesses and the users of Shaw Town Centre during this quieter period. The demolitions works fully commenced on the Monday and by Friday lunchtime, the site was fully cleared of all fencing and equipment. As soon as it became apparent that local youths sought to cause disruption to the works, additional measures were taken. The question posed failed to recognise that, in addition to the introduction of extra on-site security, a multi-agency response was also put in place involving the Police and the Council's Outreach Youth Team which was effective in stopping any further escalation of the problems and that daily updates were provided to local ward councillors. Shaw Market was successfully relocated to Market Street to secure its future – the demolition of the fixed market stalls had provided Shaw Town Centre with much needed additional car parking spaces. Whilst it was unfortunate that these young people sought to target the works site over a two night period, the demolition works have removed the shelter which had encouraged them to congregate in the area and it was sincerely hoped that this would relieve the long-term problem for those residents overlooking the former market.

9. Councillor Mushtaq asked the following question:

"I have been contacted by an Alexandra Ward resident asking me to support the concept of safe space for cycling in a broad context encompassing transport, health

and wellbeing and climate. As part of the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy there is funding and we need to ensure that some of this goes towards safer cycling routes in my ward and the wider borough. Can the relevant Cabinet member please inform us of the strategy to increase safety for cyclists which will hopefully lead to an increase in the number of cyclists on our roads.”



Councillor Fida Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental responded that the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 included the creation of a comprehensive network of on and off-road walking and cycling routes that made it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle to key local destinations. Achieving this would help to increase levels of physical activity, reduce the number of short trips being made by care, which would make local towns and neighbourhoods more attractive and reduce harmful emissions and traffic noise. The Transport Strategy itself did not have any additional funding associated with it. The main source of funding for transport, including cycling, was from central government via funding competitions. Oldham was proactive in ensuring schemes in the Oldham borough were included when GM bids were compiled and had been successful in securing funding for a number of cycle schemes in recent competitions which included £1.1 million through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund; £0.5m through the first round of the Cycle City Ambition Grant Fund; and £1.2m through the second round of the Cycle City Ambition Grant Fund.

10. Councillor Hewitt asked the following question:

“The law states that you must not set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except for Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight; New Year’s Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am.

The law also states that when buying fireworks you can only buy fireworks (including sparklers) from registered sellers for private use on these dates: 15 October to 10 November, 26 to 31 December, 3 days before Diwali and Chinese New Year. At other times you can only buy fireworks from licensed shops. I have had two written complaints from local residents and many verbal complaints from parents of young children and pet owners about fireworks being set off late at night after 11.00 pm in the middle of the week, sometimes even in the early hours of the morning especially at weekends. The majority of the complaints have come from parents with young children and parents of disabled children, about a third of the verbal complaints are from pet owners whose animals are frightened by the explosions that the fireworks are making. Can we get some partnership working together to identify where these fireworks parties are when they break the law and prosecute them and their suppliers, if they are illegally bought?

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded and referred to her previous answer. A discussion group with partners was being set up to review options and would report back on what could be done and would also address supply.

11. Councillor Roberts asked the following question:

“I have received complaints from several Royton North residents about the condition of Thornham Mill on Oozewood Road – the fabric of the building is deteriorating, there are concerns about children and young people gaining access to the site and reports of rats. I have followed up all these issues with the Council’s Planning department, Environmental Services and the Police. However, I believe that a more permanent solution is needed. Could the relevant Cabinet member advise whether the Council can take any further steps to either bring the site back into use or to pursue an alternative use for the site with the owners?”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that the property was privately owned, not listed and was shown to be in poor condition and ‘at risk’. Previous reviews had indicated that the site was suitable for redevelopment and it was likely to be considered for residential accommodation in view of demand and need for new housing. The ability to redevelop the site was limited by virtue of the fact that there was telecommunication equipment on the roof which was leased and parts of the site were in multiple private ownership and, therefore for redevelopment to progress, a developer would need to liaise with a number of parties. Councillors had agreed to contact the owner and advise them that the building needs to be kept in a decent condition and to see if a longer term solution could be found to the problem.

12. Councillor Sheldon asked the following question:

“I am concerned that there is too long of a delay in answering residents’ concerns about tree preservation orders from our arboricultural dept. I have two residents who have voiced concerns in Dacres Drive Greenfield and Abels Lane Uppermill, and to date they have not received a satisfactory answer to their questions. I have also a resident on Manchester Road Greenfield who has complained about council-owned trees which now completely take the daily sunlight from her garden. Her complaint has not been resolved in any way at all. Please can I ask the Cabinet Member responsible for this department to ensure a reply is sent to each person, whose personal details I have with me.”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that the trees located at Dacres Drive and Abels Lane were on land that was not owned by the Council and that the matters had been dealt with and appropriate responses had been provided. If this was not the case, she asked to be contacted so she could arrange for the appropriate response. There were a number of trees on Manchester Road which were currently awaiting inspection over the next month. Residents had been informed and would be told of the outcome.

13. Councillor McLaren asked the following question:

“Residents of the Firwood Park Estate in Chadderton are increasingly concerned about the condition of a wall at the corner of Middleton Road and Firwood Park (alongside 1 - 5 Firwood Park). The wall is in a very poor state of repair and local residents consider it to be dangerous. Ownership of the wall and the responsibility for carrying out the repairs appears to be unclear. What steps, if any, are the Council taking to resolve this matter?”

Councillor Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services responded that according to the Council’s records the wall was not in Council ownership and therefore the potential interventions were limited. The Council would however work with residents and appropriate officers across the Council for a positive solution to be identified.

14. Councillor Dean asked the following question:

“Could the Cabinet Member for highways tell me of the progress in lifting the bus lane order on Huddersfield Rd? The suspension of the bus lanes on Huddersfield Rd has been in place for over. 4 years. And local residents do not want the bus lanes back as it creates traffic gridlock.”

Councillor Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services responded that the bus lane on Huddersfield Road was temporarily removed in Summer 2014, following resurfacing work, and a study undertaken at the request of Members to determine whether it should be formally reinstated or removed. The study also looked at the Ripponden Road bus lane as the two bus lanes were closely linked. While the study was undertaken, signage was amended to allow general traffic to use both lanes along Huddersfield Road. As a result of the study, and consultation with Transport for Greater Manchester and bus operators, the temporary suspension of the bus lanes on Huddersfield Road and Ripponden Road for a period of eighteen months was approved. The temporary order became effective at the end of June 2016 and

subsequent arrangements were implemented for the removal of the remaining road markings and signing along both corridors. The situation would be monitored with Transport for Greater Manchester and bus operators, and a decision would be made as to whether the bus lane suspension order would be made permanent at the end of the 18 month period. To date, there had not been any reported adverse effects on bus services.

15. Councillor Steven Bashforth asked the following question:

“For a long time now HGVs have been overnighting on Edge Lane Street in Royton. This causes problems with noise and disturbance to local residents from the vehicle engines, blocking of the footpaths and rubbish including human waste being left behind. I have asked the police, environmental services and highways to help prevent and stop this practice but to no avail. Can the relevant Cabinet Member arrange for me to meet with appropriate officers with a view to devising a solution?”

Councillor Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services agreed to arrange the meeting.

16. Councillor McCann asked the following question:

“I have noted of late an ever increasing number of stone robbing incidents from various sites / walls in Saddleworth (and also in some rural parts of Shaw). In some instances walls are now down to three or four courses from an original waist height. Could the Cabinet Member advise if there is any programme of restoring and rebuilding the walls so affected, and if so can this be done in such a way – for example by cementing in the stone – that makes theft more unlikely? The volume is becoming such that District Partnerships can no longer deal with this on a local basis, as they have done in the case of High Street, Uppermill.”

Councillor Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, responded that the Council was aware of this issue of either the suspected theft or vandalism of masonry on Ladcastle Road and Sugar Lane which was being investigated. There was currently no framework programme to rebuild the damaged retaining walls, but funding was being sought to effect the repairs.

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor advised that the time limit for this item had expired.

RESOLVED that the questions and the responses provided be noted.

Apologies were received from Councillors Ames, T. Larkin, McMahon, Price and Qumer.



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3 **TO ORDER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH JULY 2016 BE SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th July 2016 be approved as a correct record.

4 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER TO BE DETERMINED AT THE MEETING**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, elected members declared the following interests:

Councillor McCann declared a personal interest at Items 13 and 16b by virtue of his appointment to the MioCare Board and the Unity Partnership Board.

Councillor Harrison declared a personal interest at Item 16b by virtue of her appointment to the MioCare Board.

Councillor Jabbar declared a personal interest at Item 16b by virtue of his appointment to the Unity Partnership Board and Oldham Leadership Board.

Councillor Stretton declared a personal interest at Item 16b by virtue of her appointment to the Unity Partnership Board and Oldham Leadership Board.

Councillor Dean declared a personal interest at Item 16b by virtue of his appointment to the Unity Partnership Board.

Councillor G. Alexander declared a personal interest at Item 16b by virtue of her appointment to the MioCare Board.

Councillor Brownridge declared a personal interest at Item 16b by virtue of her appointment to the Oldham Leadership Board.

Councillor Chauhan declared a personal interest at Item 16b by virtue of his appointment to the MioCare Board.

5 **TO DEAL WITH MATTERS WHICH THE MAYOR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT BUSINESS**

The Mayor referred to the Council meeting held on 13th July 2016 and reminded members not to go outside the remit of questions and answers and to adhere to Council Procedure Rules.

The Mayor informed members that it was Councillor Ur-Rehman's birthday. Council expressed best wishes.

6 **TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

There were no communications related to the business of the Council.

7 **SECTION 249(5) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 NOMINATIONS FOR THE TITLE OF HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH**

Councillor Stretton MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED the nomination for the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough.



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The Council gave consideration to a report which sought approval in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the nomination of Nicola White to be considered for the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough. Ms. White played a pivotal role in Team GB's Hockey Team at the Olympic Games and helped the team secure a Gold Medal.

In moving the nomination, Councillor Stretton requested that the title be changed from "Freeman" to "Freewoman" of the Borough.

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council nominate Nicola White to receive the title of Honorary Freewoman of the Borough in recognition of her role as an ambassador for the borough at this year's Olympic Games and has proved to be truly inspiring role model for the borough and its people.

8

TO RECEIVE AND NOTE PETITIONS RECEIVED RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor advised that one petition had been received for noting by Council:

Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods

Petition to Secure River Irk Banking (received 9 August 2016) (53 signatures) (Ref 2016-11)

RESOLVED that the petition received since the last meeting of the Council be noted.

9

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion 1

The Mayor informed the meeting that the Chief Executive had had notice that Councillor Price would be unable to second this motion and had nominated Councillor Goodwin to take her place.

Councillor Moores MOVED and Councillor Goodwin SECONDED the following motion:

"In Oldham, more than a third of adults are physically inactive (36.28%) and Oldham was ranked 141st out of 150 local authorities researched in terms of rates of physical activity in 2013. UKActives *Turning the Tide of Inactivity* report estimates that this lack of regular exercise by the Oldham population is estimated to cost the Oldham economy £53.5 million a year. Physical inactivity is known to be the fourth leading cause of mortality, and many of the leading causes of ill health in today's



society, such as coronary heart disease, cancer and type 2 Diabetes, could be prevented if more inactive people were to become active.

The *Greater Manchester Moving Strategy* was published in June 2015 and provides the blueprint for physical activity and sport's contribution to the overall Greater Manchester Strategy. The intended outcomes of the strategy are to:

- Increase levels of participation in physical activity and sport to reduce levels inactivity
- Increase active travel leading to increased opportunities for walking, cycling and running
- Increase economic output of the sport and physical activity sector

Being physically active should be something we build into our everyday lifestyle from going out for a walk through to playing sport.

Council is therefore asked to:

- Give its support to the *Greater Manchester Moving Strategy*
- Instruct the relevant officers to develop an action plan to detail how the pledges will be developed and implemented in Oldham”

AMENDMENT

Councillor Murphy MOVED and Councillor Williamson SECONDED the following amendment:

“Add a new paragraph six:

‘Council also notes that the last Oldham Cycle Strategy, developed in consultation with cycling groups to promote cycling in the borough, was published in 2010 and is therefore overdue for renewal.’

Insert in the final paragraph, a new second bullet point:

‘ – Recognise the importance of developing a local response based on a commitment, as a co-operative council, to securing public buy-in through consultation’

And amend the original final bullet point by inserting after ‘relevant officers’ ‘,in consultation with local sports, cycling, running and walking groups,’”

Amended motion to read:

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Council also notes that the last Oldham Cycling Strategy, developed in consultation with cycling groups to promote cycling in the borough was published in 2010 and is therefore overdue for renewal.

Council is therefore asked to:

- Give its support to the *Greater Manchester Moving Strategy*
- Recognise the importance of developing a local response based on a commitment, as a co-operative council, to securing public buy-in through consultation
- Instruct the relevant officers to develop an action plan, in consultation with local sports, cycling, running and walking groups, to detail how pledges will be developed and implemented in Oldham.”

Councillor Moores exercised his right of reply.

Councillor Murphy exercised his right of reply.

A vote was then taken on the AMENDMENT.

On being put the vote, 9 votes were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 46 cast AGAINST and 0 ABSTENTIONS. The AMENDMENT was therefore LOST.

Councillor Harrison spoke in support of the ORIGINAL MOTION.

Councillor Moores exercised his right of reply.

A vote was taken on the MOTION.

On being put the vote, the MOTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that:

1. The *Greater Manchester Moving Strategy* be supported.
2. Relevant officers be instructed to develop an action plan to detail how the pledges would be developed and implemented in Oldham.

In delivering her first Annual Statement, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stretton, reflected upon the clear continuity in values, purpose and actions regardless of the changes to the

Leadership team. Cooperative work would go on. She reflected on changes in circumstances and budget. She reflected on key priorities achieved in the last year and what would be coming next.

Reference was made to the first five years of the Cooperative Journey and the Leader reflected success came when everyone pulled together in the same direction and shared the same aspirations and goals. A better borough could only be built together.

The Leader highlighted the building of the family friendly town centre with the Odeon Cinema, businesses being attracted to the Town Centre and others were in negotiations. Other regeneration projects would be commencing which included the Heritage Centre, the Prince's Gate Scheme and the Independent Quarter. She also highlighted improvement works to highways and pedestrian areas, clearance of the old Leisure Centre and Hobson Street car park and the work started on Maggie Care Centre at the hospital.

Further schemes highlighted by the Leader included the Warm Homes Oldham scheme and the Early Help scheme. The Leader reflected on the Greater Manchester Role and the need to include more people in the benefits and prosperity of the City Region. More Greater Manchester investment was needed and spread wider.

The Leader highlighted the delivery of high education and the publication of the Oldham Skills and Education Commission report. GCSE and A Levels had improved and the gap was closing on the national average. Ofsted inspections were improving. Key Stage 2 results with the new curriculum were disappointing and these would be examined.

Get Oldham Working had proved to be a success and Phase 2 would be launched to assist more residents. A new Work and Skills Strategy had been developed to raise aspirations.

The Leader stated the Council would tackle low pay and zero hours contracts. The Enterprise and Skills team would launch a career advancement service and provide support for in-work promotion. Other priorities included new transport links making it easier to access jobs and training opportunities.

It was further stated that homes were being built which were needed, sites included Limehurst, High Barn, Fitton Hill and the Lancaster Club site and several other sites were moving towards development. Another priority was the quality of neighbourhoods and enforcement work. The Council would prosecute those whose practices blighted their communities through the Selective Licensing Scheme and cracking down on flytippers.

The Leader noted funding pressures were increasing and stated that this would impact on residents. The Leader also highlighted

support for healthy lifestyles which included healthy school meals, parks, leisure centres, investing in activities with partners and growing hubs.

The Leader concluded by referring to the stronger economy, transport, homes, good education, care for all who needed it and supporting healthy lifestyles. Despite the cuts, a difference could be made. The Council had the plans, people, assets and confidence. As Local Leaders there was a responsibility to work with residents to continue to give leadership, help and inspiration they needed. Oldham would only succeed when everyone pulled together in the same direction and build a better borough together.

RESOLVED that the content of the Leader's Annual Statement be noted.

11 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

There were no items submitted by the Youth Council.

12 **LEADER AND CABINET QUESTION TIME**

The Leader of the Main Opposition, Councillor Sykes raised the following two questions:

Question 1: Local Patients Failed by 'Inadequate' Trust Damned in Report

"My first question to the Leader tonight relates to the very disturbing findings of the report published last month by the Quality Care Commission (QCC) about our local Pennine Acute Hospitals Trust.

The Commission found the Trust to be providing 'inadequate' services overall, with several departments requiring 'improvement'.

At the Royal Oldham Hospital, inspectors were concerned about 'suitable and appropriate medical staffing', especially in critical care, maternity, gynaecology and children and young people's services.

In young people's services it was found that there were no consultants in place after 5 pm. As though our children only get sick nine to five!

And in the high dependency unit, many standards for critical care were 'not being met' and that it was only during the inspection that 'adequate' staffing levels were provided, when for three years management knew of the shortfall.

Whilst none of us want to have to receive high dependency care, if we do, we surely have the right to expect to be treated to the highest standard in a unit with sufficient staff?

All of these deficiencies should be of great concern to us as the patients being most let down are amongst the most vulnerable patients in our hospital.

And can we be clear 'let down' means pain and death that could be avoided!

So where does the fault lie? Not apparently with the staff described as 'caring' who continue to do their best with

inadequate resources and numbers; instead it lies with the Trust Board and senior management whose conduct is described as 'inadequate'.

I have been told that aside from health professionals, there are no Oldham residents directly involved in the Improvement Board and Plan put in place to attempt to address these serious concerns; can the Leader confirm if this is true? If this is true, why is there no Oldham citizen directly involved in making sure our Hospital and Pennine Trust improves?

This cannot, and should not, just be left to the so called health professionals; a number of which have close working and contractual arrangements with Pennine Acute Trust! Does she agree with me this is a highly unsatisfactory state of affairs and a scandal that there is no one from our Borough representing our citizens? Can the Leader also tell me what we are doing as an authority to put pressure on the Trust Board to address these shocking deficiencies in performance before the Trust goes into terminal decline? Anything I and my colleagues can do to support her and her colleagues in this matter we will."

Councillor Stretton, Leader of the Council responded that she shared his concerns about the Care Quality Commission report and was appalled to only discover the details when the report was leaked to the press, and only as a result of the leak the Council became aware there would be an Improvement Board. Councillor Stretton and the Leaders of Bury and Rochdale wrote to the Chief Executive of Manchester City Council as Chair of the Improvement Board and reflected that there were three other borough's residents affected by the report. The Leader agreed with the concerns of the performance. A meeting had been requested with David Dalton, the first of which had taken place on the day of Council. Concerns were expressed similar to what had just been said and it was agreed to meet again to discuss these concerns further. It was agreed that urgent intervention was needed with the severe failings that were outlined in the report. The Council would be meeting with whoever possible from a range of organisations in turning this around.

Question 2: Pokemon Go

"My second question tonight concerns one of the biggest social crazes to hit the UK in many a year and it is a craze that has been taken up across the whole nation by Britons of all ages but particularly the young and the young at heart – namely the phenomena called Pokemon Go.

According to Wikipedia Pokemon Go is 'a free-to-play, location-based augmented reality game developed by Niantic for iOS and Android devices.'

What that means in plain English is that if you have the correct software on your portable electronic device that you can play 'hunt the monster' whilst visiting the park or crossing the street. For those unfamiliar with the game, in essence you are able to track and catch virtual Pokeman creatures in real-world settings. So what has this got to do with Oldham Council I hear you ask? Well some novel ideas have been recently published about engaging Pokemon Go players with public services and in

particular public health activities. Our libraries are, whether they know it or not, virtual gyms, the only location where Pokemon players can go to 'strengthen' their monsters and meet with others playing the game. Some libraries are taking advantages of this to let players know they are welcome in to play and welcome to stay afterwards. Some are even issuing badges to players who prove they have won a battle at the gym. Other suggestions include: designating historical landmarks and public facilities as Pokestops, where special items are dropped and in-app lures can be set off, with Lure Parties to cash in on the fun; hosting meet-ups, and monster rather than art trails; Community get-togethers to search for Pokemon at the weekend and fund-raising events in partnership with charities. Weight-loss and health campaigners can utilise one of the game's key benefit – you have to walk to find the monsters and you are largely outdoors when you do so. There is already some evidence of previous couch potatoes, or those holed up in their bedrooms playing Call of Duty on Xbox or Play Station are now walking and/or running around outside as they hunt on Pokemon Go.

Given the potential, I would like to ask the Leader what this Council is doing to harness this idea and whether we can work with our Youth Council to develop innovative ways in which we can use the power of this technology to connect our youngest residents with our public services? An even more importantly use it to get people more active and therefore healthy and help tackle the ticking time bomb we have locally with obesity and in particular with obesity in young people.”

Councillor Stretton, Leader of the Council responded that she had not caught any monsters yet but there were those who were obsessed. Joking apart, the benefit in terms of getting people active was absolutely worth pursuing. The Comms team and officers from a wider team would be more than happy to work with anyone in the chamber and work with the Youth Council on his suggestion.

The Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Hudson, asked the following question to the Leader of the Council. Councillor Hudson was shocked by the report on ITV Granada regarding the care of an elderly couple. He felt the report was biased and asked the Leader if she would speak to the relevant Cabinet Member with regards to a response to the biased report.

Councillor Stretton, Leader of the Council responded that she had not seen the report but would look at it. She had had discussions which had led her to believe that the report was not an accurate reflection of the situation and the statement supplied to Granada had not been used. The Council did not commission 15 minute visits and was incensed. She would be writing to the programme to put the Council's point of view across.

The Mayor reminded the meeting that Council had agreed that, following the Leaders' allocated questions, questions would be

taken in an order which reflected the political balance of the Council.

1. Councillor Iqbal asked the following question:

“Could the Cabinet member please give an update on the Oldham Way Bridge (6th Form College Bridge). We were advised that Phase 2 of the work would start in February. Local residents and pedestrians are eager to see this bridge brought up to standard and ‘fit for purpose’. Pedestrians, especially lone females, will be concerned for their safety as at present the side panels are concealed.”

Councillor Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services responded that the delay had been caused by some challenging bespoke design issues, namely the intricacies associated with unique parapet panels, the introduction of the Oldham Crest to the bridge and a solution to supply electricity to the decorative lighting. The result would provide a more clean and contemporary finish to the bridge and would enhance its appearance to both users and passers-by travelling on Oldham way. The bridge was also due for a deep clean and repainting which would restore the bridge as a feature across Oldham Way and once completed the bridge would have a much more open feel to users and it was hoped that more pedestrians and cycle traffic would use the bridge as an alternative way to accessing the Town Centre. The work was expected to be completed in 10 weeks.

2. Councillor Garry asked the following question:

“To ensure we are dealing with bona fide residents who submit questions to the District Partnership meetings, is it possible that we can insist on names and addresses to be supplied as per the new rules for full Council?”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded it would be for each District Executive to decide if they wished to adopt and ask for names and addresses for residents who submitted questions.

3. Councillor Mushtaq asked the following question:

“The House of Commons Sub Committee on Education, Skill and the Economy reported in July 2016 that too many young people are leaving education without having had the chance to fully consider their future options or how their skills and experiences fit with opportunities in the jobs market. It also judged that a host of policy changes, initiatives and new bodies introduced in recent years have failed to make serious improvements and in some cases have even been counter-productive. This is a sorry judgement on both the Coalition and Conservative Governments’ policy for Careers Advice which lets down many of our young people. Could the relevant Cabinet Member comment on how this affects young people in Oldham?”

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Education and Early Years responded that the statutory responsibility for providing careers education and guidance rested with schools for pupils from year 8 onwards. There was a fortunate position in Oldham in that all schools commissioned some element of careers guidance from Positive Steps and in most cases schools also had an element of careers education embedded in the curriculum. In addition to this, the local authority also commissioned careers guidance for vulnerable groups such as those at risk of disengagement after leaving school, those with special education needs and young people in the care system. In the wider context of Greater Manchester, projects funded through City Deal for the improvement of quality of careers guidance had been accessed by a number of Oldham schools.

4. Councillor Blyth asked the following question:

“Given the number of takeaways and coffee shops in Oldham town centre and the various district shopping centres providing in-store seating for customers, I would be keen to hear the Cabinet Member’s view on the impact locally of the recent High Court judgement relating to Greggs? For the benefit of members who may be unfamiliar with this judgement, Mr. Justice Kerr in the High Court recently sided with Hull City Council against bakery chain Greggs, and the Government, in requiring these outlets to remove such seating unless they also install customer lavatories and washing facilities. Mr Justice Kerr cited a previous case which Newcastle City Council also won, obliging Greggs to provide toilets in local branches of the chain. Can the Cabinet Member please tell me how we are seeking to encourage takeaways with in-store seating to also provide toilets and washing facilities to make the dining experience more pleasant for customers who choose to eat-in?”

Councillor Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services responded that after discussions with officers, the Council did not enforce the local legislation contained within the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 which required food business owners to provide toilets and wash hand basin even where they were providing very limited seating facilities for customers. Councillor Hussain thanked the member for raising this issue but he was of the opinion that any enforcement of this legislation would have a detrimental impact on small food businesses across the borough who were only providing a limited number of seats for customers.

5. Councillor Dearden asked the following question:

“The Government is encouraging Local Authorities to form regional adoption agencies, could the relevant Cabinet Member please inform us of the current situation regarding Oldham, specifically around the area of partner organisations, financial implications and most importantly what this will mean for the children waiting for placement and prospective adopters.”

Councillor Harrison, Cabinet Member for Social Care and Safeguarding responded that Oldham was in partnership with five other local authorities namely Bolton, Blackburn with Darwen, Bury, Tameside and Rochdale. There were two voluntary adoption agencies attached to this group. Currently the project was funded through the Department of Education, however, self-funding would be needed from April 2017 and financial business cases were being scoped. The implications for Oldham's adopters and children would be that they would automatically see their access to potential matches increase 6-fold, i.e. adoptee details would go out and be circulated within these six adoption areas which increased the potential to be matched with a child in a much shortened timescale. Equally our children would have the same access which should cut down the time they had to wait before being matched with a family. This would mean less children having to be placed far away from their communities but still in a safe place, without the need to look nationwide.

6. Councillor Wrigglesworth asked the following question:

"Under the Tory Government's 'Pay To Stay' rules to be introduced in April 2017 all Social Housing Tenants who have a combined annual income of more than £31,000 are going to be required pay extra rent. Can the Cabinet Member responsible give us any indication of how many tenants in the Borough are likely to be affected and whether the cost of administrating the rules will out way any increase in funds collected? I believe that the Council will responsible for administrating the rules and can claim back these costs from extra income which may be raised; will the government be responsible for reimbursing the costs if these are greater than any income raised?"

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that 'Pay to Stay' was voluntary for housing associations but compulsory for stock holding local authorities. Further regulations were due out in October to set out how it would operate. The Council was talking to housing associations which had homes in the borough and some were considering whether to bring in Pay to Stay for their tenants. They would have the flexibility to design their own Pay to Stay policies for higher income social tenants. The Council owned around 2,100 homes. Preparatory work showed that only around 3% of council tenants would be required to pay the higher rent which was less than the national average of 7%. Any extra rent collected under the scheme would have to be given to the Government. If the cost of administrating the scheme was more than the Council collected, the Council could ask for an exemption.

7. Councillor Murphy asked the following question:

"My question relates to the status of two of the blue plaques in our borough, and the dishonour currently shown to those who are commemorated upon them. A motion was recently passed by Council to support investigating erecting a statue to Oldham

suffragette Annie Kenney in the town centre. Mr. Mayor, members may not be aware of the blue plaque that already exists to Ms Kenney on the wall of Leesbrook Mill in Springhead, where she was employed as a cotton operative. This is in a very poor condition and is practically unreadable. My colleagues, Cllrs Turner and Williamson, also wrote to the Cabinet Member recently about the plaque to another Oldham suffragette Lydia Becker. The plaque to Lydia Becker is located on a side external wall of Foxdenton Hall in Chadderton, which was Lydia's family home. This must often be over looked as it is not in a prominent position, is too far away from the public footpath to be easily seen, and is partially obscured by vegetation. In our town centre, near the war memorial there is also a blue plaque honouring the Oldham men who were awarded this nation's highest award for gallantry, The Victoria Cross. However the plaque is located so high up on the wall that it is unreadable unless you have access to military field glasses; what an irony! Please can I therefore ask the Cabinet Member to arrange for the Annie Kenney plaque to be repaired and cleaned, or alternately replaced, the Lydia Becker plaque to be relocated to a more prominent position near the entrance to the hall and for the VC plaque to be relocated alongside the other panels honouring the courage of Oldhamers by the War Memorial itself?"

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that listed building consent was required to move the war memorial plaque. There was working ongoing on the War Memorial plaque. When the application has been submitted and approved, the consent of the building owners would need to be obtained. There was a similar requirement for the plaque located at Foxdenton Hall. It was sensible to wait until plans for the hall were finalised before making a final decision. With regard to the Annie Kenney plaque, there was no connection to Leesbrook Mill and officers were working with the historical society for the identification of a more appropriate location.

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor advised that the time limit for this item had expired.

RESOLVED that the questions and responses provided be noted.

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TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CABINET HELD ON THE UNDERMENTIONED DATES, INCLUDING THE ATTACHED LIST OF URGENT KEY DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, AND TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS ON ANY ITEMS WITHIN THE MINUTES FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, AND RECEIVE RESPONSES FROM CABINET MEMBERS

The minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 27th June 2016 and 25th July 2016 were submitted.



Members raised the following questions:

1. Councillor McCann – Cabinet Meeting, 25th July 2016, page 51. Item 6 – 2015/16 Annual Statement of Accounts. Councillor McCann offered his congratulations to the finance team for the quick and accurate set of accounts. Councillor McCann referred to the external auditors saying the background to the accounts should be dropped. He felt that this was useful information and helped to understand the accounts. Would the Cabinet Member say that this was part of the accounts? As part of the continuous improvement and reviewing how debt was being repaid, could the Cabinet Member arrange a briefing for councillors on what the financing means?

Councillor Jabbar, Cabinet Member for Finance and HR responded and thanked Councillor McCann for the recognition of the Finance Team. Councillor Jabbar noted that the Council had closed its accounts in record time and the first public body's accounts approved. It would be difficult to maintain this momentum. The background information was not just about doing the numbers, the quality of information was important. He would like to continue current practice. In terms of future funding and borrowing, he would be happy to provide a training session for all members. Councillor Jabbar took the opportunity to thank the Chief Executive, Executive Director and managers who worked so hard and the Finance Team led by Anne Ryans on the management of the finances.

2. Councillor Murphy - Cabinet Meeting, 25th July 2016, page 55, Item 10 – Local Development Scheme. Councillor Murphy asked if more readable maps could be included.

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives response that she would look into that.

3. Councillor Harkness – Cabinet Meeting, 27th June 2016, page 45, Item 9 – Waste Management Options – Councillor Harkness referred to recycling in apartment blocks and flats. There were no changes planned for collection but he asked what could be done to incentivise and increase recycling and would there be excessive demand on the new system at Christmas time.

Councillor Brownridge responded that these had been factored into the decision to go to managed collections. In terms of collections from flats, these were not changing. It was felt that implementation get underway everywhere else. There were a lot of opportunities and collections from flats would be subject to future discussions. Councillor Brownridge welcomed Councillor

Harkness's involvement as a Councillor and resident and to speak about this in detail.



There were no observations on the minutes.

RESOLVED that:

1. The minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 27th June 2016 and 25th July 2016 be noted.
2. The questions and responses on the Cabinet minutes be noted.
3. That a briefing session be arranged for members on the future financing and borrowing.

14

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

Motion 1

Councillor Ball MOVED and Councillor Brock SECONDED the following motion:

“Oldham is not on its own facing an increase in families who are in both financial and food poverty. Oldham Council is doing a lot for this ever increasing number of people and, with the changes to benefits and even more zero hour contracts, this number is unlikely to diminish.

The End Hunger Campaign in Oldham is launching on the 15th October.

The aim of this campaign is to:

- Improve the public awareness of the food justice movement at local level, showing how volunteers are working hard in food banks and on community food projects.
- Publicise the support available to help people who are struggling with their household budget, for example, the winter warmth campaign, the Welfare Rights Service and citizen's advice.

We ask that all sides of the Council support this campaign and the volunteers, Council employees and councillors who themselves work hard to help fellow Oldhamers.

The overall aim of the campaign is to build a town in which everyone has access to good food and no one goes to bed hungry.

This Council resolves:

1. To work to try to make sure that all children are able to live free from the damaging effects of hunger, including the adverse effect on their health.
2. It will continue to work with all community groups and volunteers to support and advise networks in the community that are themselves supporting families affected by food poverty.
3. To write to the Clinical Commissioning Group to ask that it ensures GPs and other front line staff take into account food poverty when seeing people, especially children, who are not in the best of health.

4. To instruct the Chief Executive to write to the borough's three MPs, and the Prime Minister, asking them to make every effort to ensure that families can afford good food on a regular basis through an appropriate combination of work and benefits.

Councillor Harkness MOVED and Councillor Turner SECONDED the following AMENDMENT.

“Insert in line 2 after people ‘but we recognise we can do a lot more’. Insert a full stop. Remove the word ‘And’, start next sentence ‘With’.

After the end of the original fourth paragraph insert a new paragraph which reads as follows:

‘Council recognises that there are many organisations which can offer the Council and its partners financial, food and in-kind support to address food poverty in this borough, including Brake Brothers, Fareshare, Kelloggs, Magic Breakfast, Make Lunch, The Real Junk Food Project, and the Trussell Trust.’

After the end of the original fifth paragraph insert a new paragraph which reads as follows:

‘This Council supports the aims of this campaign and wishes to take further action to address food poverty in this borough.’

In the original sixth paragraph, amend original bullet point 1 to read as follows:

‘That this Council and its partners establish an action plan for the borough to work to ensure that all residents, particularly children, older people, and the chronically-sick, are able to live free from the damaging effects of hunger, including the adverse effect on their health.’

Amend original bullet point number 2 to read as follows:

“That this plan identifies practical actions to address food poverty in this borough, specifically to:

- Establish breakfast clubs in every school and academy in the borough where there is a need for one
- Establish school holiday food clubs across the borough where there is a need
- Establish more community cafes, where people in need can access cheap and nutritious meals; community shops, where they can buy good quality surplus food cheaply; and community kitchens, where they can cook their own food rather than having to choose at home whether to use fuel to heat or eat
- Work with N-Power to bring the Fuel Voucher scheme to Oldham
- Host a workshop for schools, academies, faith groups and voluntary sector partners at which organisations offering financial, food and in-kind support can be invited to make presentations to and network with prospective local partners
- Engage with local food retailers to access more of the surplus food that is currently thrown away
- Promote the take up Healthy Start Vouchers to eligible residents

- Make a successful application to become a partner of the Alexandra Rose Voucher Scheme
- Promote the take up of free school meals by all eligible children in this borough

And otherwise to continue to work with all community groups and volunteers who support and advise networks in the community that are themselves supporting families affected by food poverty.'

To continue with the original bullet points three and four, and therefore insert an additional fifth bullet point to read as follows:

'To ask the Chief Executive to write to End Hunger UK campaign with a request that Oldham Council be listed as an organisation offering its support.'

Amended Motion to read:

"Oldham is not on its own in facing an increase in families who are in both financial and food poverty. Oldham Council is doing a lot for this ever increasing number of people, but we recognise we can do a lot more. With the changes to benefits and even more zero hour contracts, this number is unlikely to diminish.

The End Hunger Campaign in Oldham is launching on the 15th October.

The aim of this campaign is to:

- Improve the public awareness of the food justice movement at local level, showing how volunteers are working hard in food banks and on community food projects.
- Publicise the support available to help people who are struggling with their household budget, for example, the winter warmth campaign, the Welfare Rights Service and citizens' advice.

We ask that all sides of the Council support this campaign and the volunteers, Council employees and councillors who themselves work hard to help fellow Oldhamers.

Council recognises that there are many organisations which can offer the Council and its partners financial, food and in-kind support to address food poverty in this borough, including Brake Brothers, Fareshare, Kelloggs, Magic Breakfast, Make Lunch, The Real Junk Food Project, and the Trussell Trust.

The overall aim of the campaign is to build a town in which everyone has access to good food and no one goes to bed hungry.

This Council supports the aims of this campaign and wishes to take further action to address food poverty in this borough.

This Council resolves:

1. That this Council and its partners establish an action plan for the borough to work to ensure that all residents, particularly children, older people, and the chronically-sick, are able to live free from the damaging effects of hunger, including the adverse effect on their health.
2. That this plan identifies practical actions to address food poverty in this borough, specifically to:

- Establish breakfast clubs in every school and academy in the borough where there is a need for one
- Establish school holiday food clubs across the borough where there is a need
- Establish more community cafes, where people in need can access cheap and nutritious meals; community shops, where they can buy good quality surplus food cheaply; and community kitchens, where they can cook their own food rather than having to choose at home whether to use fuel to heat or eat
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And otherwise to continue to work with all community groups and volunteers who support and advise networks in the community that are themselves supporting families affected by food poverty.

3. To write to the Clinical Commissioning Group to ask that it ensures that GPs and other front line staff take into account food poverty when seeing people, especially children, who are not in the best of health.

4. To instruct the Chief Executive to write to the borough's three MPs, and the Prime Minister, asking them to make every effort to ensure that families can afford good food on a regular basis through an appropriate combination of work and benefits.

5. To ask the Chief Executive to write to End Hunger UK campaign with a request that Oldham Council be listed as an organisation offering its support."

Councillor Ball exercised her right of reply and ACCEPTED the AMENDMENT.

Councillor Harkness did not exercise his right of reply.

A vote was then taken on the AMENDMENT.

On being put the vote, the AMENDMENT was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Mushtaq spoke in support of the Substantive Motion.
Councillor Bates spoke in support of the Substantive Motion.
Councillor Chauhan spoke in support of the Substantive Motion.
Councillor Dean spoke in support of the Substantive Motion.

Councillor Ball did not exercise her right of reply.

A vote was taken on the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

On being put the vote, the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



RESOLVED that:

1. the Council and its partners establish an action plan for the borough to work to ensure that all residents, particularly children, older people, and the chronically-sick, are able to live free from the damaging effects of hunger, including the adverse effect on their health.
2. this plan identified practical actions to address food poverty in this borough, specifically to:
 - Establish breakfast clubs in every school and academy in the borough where there is a need for one
 - Establish school holiday food clubs across the borough where there is a need
 - Establish more community cafes, where people in need can access cheap and nutritious meals; community shops, where they can buy good quality surplus food cheaply; and community kitchens, where they can cook their own food rather than having to choose at home whether to use fuel to heat or eat
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 - Engage with local food retailers to access more of the surplus food that is currently thrown away
 - Promote the take up of Healthy Start Vouchers to eligible residents
 - Make a successful application to become a partner of the Alexandra Rose Voucher Scheme
 - Promote the take up of free school meals by all eligible children in this boroughAnd otherwise to continue to work with all community groups and volunteers who support and advise networks in the community that are themselves supporting families affected by food poverty.
3. the Clinical Commissioning Group be written to, to ask that it ensures that GPs and other front line staff take into account food poverty when seeing people, especially children, who are not in the best of health.
4. the Chief Executive be instructed to write to the borough's three MPs, and the Prime Minister, asking them to make every effort to ensure that families can afford good food on a regular basis through an appropriate combination of work and benefits.

5. the Chief Executive be asked to write to End Hunger UK campaign with a request that Oldham Council be listed as an organisation offering its support.

Motion 2

The Mayor informed the meeting that the time limit for this item had expired and Councillor Dearden, as Mover of the Motion, and Councillor Ur-Rehman, as Second of the Motion, requested that Council permit the following Motion be rolled over for discussion at the next Council meeting:

“The U.K has the highest level of obesity in Western Europe, with one third of children overweight or obese by the time they leave primary school.

Local councils now have the responsibility for health and wellbeing, health promotion and prevention of ill health, so it is incumbent upon us to debate this and make our views known.

We note with great disappointment this government’s long-awaited Obesity Strategy, published in August 2016, during parliamentary recess and in the midst of the Rio Olympics, and the lost opportunity to improve our health and wellbeing.

Medical experts and campaigners have criticised the strategy as ‘weak and embarrassing’ and accused policy makers of throwing away the chance to tackle our culture of unhealthy eating that is crippling the NHS.

The government proposals, centred on the sugar tax announced by George Osborne in May 2016, rely on voluntary action by the food and drink industry and contain no restrictions on junk food marketing and advertising. The sugar tax will not be introduced for another two years.

This Council recognises that local campaigning and awareness raising programmes are most successful when backed by legislative changes, as with the ban on smoking in public places.

This Council therefore resolves that the following measures be taken:

1. Oldham Council, led by our Public Health officers and the Health and Wellbeing Board (which includes partners such as Housing, Doctors, Hospitals, Oldham Community Leisure, Voluntary groups), will campaign to ban all high sugar foods and drinks available in our buildings and will encourage schools, community organisations and local employers to do the same;
2. Oldham Council to continue to promote healthy lifestyles and healthy eating through our local campaigns such as ‘Get Oldham Growing, Feeding Ambition’, ‘Go for a Walk’, Oral Health, Breastfeeding and other initiatives.

In addition, we request that the Chief Executive writes to the borough’s three MPs to inform them of our action and to ask them to campaign for stronger legislation.”

RESOLVED that the Motion be rolled over the next Council meeting scheduled on 9th November 2016.

Motion 3

The Mayor informed the meeting that the time limit for this item had expired and Councillor Roberts, as Mover of the Motion, and Councillor J. Larkin, as Second of the Motion, requested that Council permit the following Motion be rolled over for discussion at the next Council meeting:

“Speed kills: speed is one of the main factors in fatal road accidents. A pedestrian is four times more likely to die if hit at 40mph than at 30 mph. In 2014, 282 people were killed in crashes in the UK involving someone exceeding the speed limit and a further 126 people died when someone was travelling too fast for the conditions.

Residents, including those who attend the Community Forums, regularly express their concern about speeding traffic both on main roads and also in residential areas. Councillors have responded by supporting speed measurements measures, changes to road and junction layout to improve safety, improvements to pedestrian crossings and most recently by funding Vehicle Activated Signs.

However, motorists continue to speed and drive too fast for road conditions and local circumstances.

This Council resolves to:

- Mount a campaign of driver education to explain the impact of speeding and encourage motorists to obey the law
- Take every opportunity available to secure funding to make Oldham’s Roads safer
- Work with Greater Manchester Police to improvement enforcement action against motorists breaking the speed limits
- Influence the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2010 to include a sub-regional approach to tackling speeding and making our roads safer.

RESOLVED that the Motion be rolled over the next Council meeting scheduled on 9th November 2016.

15

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS

Motion 1

Councillor Sykes MOVED and Councillor Williamson SECONDED the following motion:

“This Council once more wishes to place on record its admiration for the courage, service and sacrifice of members of Her Majesty’s armed forces, past and present, during military conflicts, in countering terrorism and in carrying out peacekeeping and humanitarian duties.

This Council notes:

- The obligations it owes to the Armed Forces community within the Borough of Oldham as enshrined in the Armed Forces Covenant; that the Armed Forces community

should not face disadvantage in the provision of services and that special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given the most.

- The absence of definitive and comprehensive statistics on the size or demographics of the Armed Forces community within the Borough of Oldham. This includes serving Regular and Reserve personnel, veterans and their families.
- That the availability of such data would greatly assist the council, local partner agencies, the voluntary sector, and national Government in the planning and provision of services to address the unique needs of the Armed Forces community within the Borough of Oldham.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Support and promote The Royal British Legion's campaign 'Count Them In' to include a new topic in the 2021 census that concerns military service and membership of the Armed Forces community.
- Urge elected members for this Borough to sign up as individual supporters to the 'Count Them In' campaign.
- Ask the Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Community Covenant to write to the Secretary of State for Defence, The Rt. Hon. Michael Fallon MP, setting out the Council's position that we wish to see the UK Parliament approve a final census questionnaire in 2019, which includes questions concerning our Armed Forces community, for use in the 2021 census.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Borough's three Members of Parliament asking them to also make representations on this matter to the Secretary of State for Defence.

Councillor Steven Bashforth spoke in support of the motion.

Councillor Ball spoke in support of the motion.

Councillor Sykes exercised his right of reply.

A vote was taken on the MOTION.

On being put the vote, the MOTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Royal British Legion's campaign 'Count Them In' be supported and promoted to include a new topic in the 2021 census that concerns military service and membership of the Armed Forces Community.
2. Elected members for this Borough be urged to sign up as individual supporters to the 'Count Them In' campaign.
3. The Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Community Covenant be asked to write to the Secretary of State for Defence, the Rt. Hon. Michael Fallon MP, setting out the Council's position that we wish to see the UK Parliament approve a final census questionnaire in

- 2010, which includes questions concerning our Armed Forces community, for use in the 2021 census.
4. The Chief Executive be asked to write to the Borough's three Members of Parliament asking them to also make representations on this matter to the Secretary of State for Defence.

Motion 2

Councillor Murphy MOVED and Councillor Blyth SECONDED the following motion:

“This Council notes that

- Dementia is one of the biggest health issues facing the UK
- In Oldham, over 2,500 people are estimated to be living with dementia
- This condition will affect one in three people over the age of 65, with that figure is predicted to rise by two thirds by 2030
- Dementia is an umbrella term for a set of symptoms that might be exhibited by people living with one of any number of diseases of the brain; it is not a natural part of aging
- Dementia is not just about losing your memory; it can also affect thinking, communication, inhibitions, and everyday tasks
- With the right care, support and understanding from those around them that it is possible for someone to live well with dementia and to continue to contribute to community life.

Council commends the work that has been done so far in our borough specially:

- The training of well over 5,000 Dementia Friends across the borough
- Gaining recognition from the Alzheimer's Society as one of just fifty communities in England as 'Working towards a dementia friendly community'
- Establishing the Oldham Dementia Partnership and the Oldham Dementia Action Alliance
- Creating an Enhanced Memory Service to support people living with dementia and their carers

But Council also believes that as a major public-service organisation we can do so much more, particularly in:

- Delivering more dementia-friendly services with specially trained staff and from dementia-friendly buildings
- Promoting a more dementia-friendly transport network in order that people living with dementia and their carers can better access them

Council therefore calls upon the relevant Cabinet Member(s) to:

- Appoint a senior officer in each directorate as a Dementia Champion to lead on this issue within their directorate, with specific responsibility for ensuring that:

- All new Council staff appointed to customer-facing roles, particularly those in the Call Centre, the First Contact centre and our public libraries and parks, participate in mandatory Dementia Friends training as part of their induction.
- Existing staff in customer-facing roles participate in Dementia Friends training within twelve months.
- Environmental checks are carried out in all of the public buildings and open spaces within their directorate's control to ensure that they are Dementia Friendly.
- The Dementia Friendly logo is displayed prominently at these locations once they are determined to be dementia friendly.
- Their directorate, and the Dementia Friendly public buildings and open spaces, are registered separately as individual entities with the Oldham Dementia Action Alliance, in addition to the Council being itself registered corporately.
- A report of progress for that directorate is prepared for circulation to elected members and for publication on the Council's website during Dementia Awareness Week in May 2017.
- Ask these officers to work with the national charity Making Space and the local group Let's Be Heard and the Springboard Oldham Dementia Carers Group to support the delivery of staff training, the carrying out of environmental checks, and the completion of the registration process.
- Carry out a review of Council employment practices to ensure that best practice is being followed in offering staff living with dementia, or caring for a family member living with dementia, appropriate ongoing support and flexible working arrangements.
- Ask our partner organisations, Oldham Community Leisure, Oldham Mio-Care, and Unity Partnership to make similar commitments.
- Create a new Dementia Hub in an accessible, dementia-friendly Council building by providing accommodation to co-locate relevant staff from the following organisations – the Alzheimer's Society, Age UK Oldham, Making Space and the Memory Assessment Service – and meeting rooms and activity areas for people living with dementia and their carers.
- Investigate the merits and practicalities of introducing, and promoting, a Dementia Buddy wristband scheme with representatives from the emergency services and Transport for Greater Manchester. This scheme is operational and actively promoted within the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan.
- Create a transport sub-group of the Oldham Dementia Action Alliance to look specifically at how bus, tram and taxi transport can be made more dementia-friendly.
- Urge schools to include information about living with dementia into the local Personal Social and Health

Education curriculum delivered to pupils to help develop their understanding of dementia.
Council is also asked to appoint an elected member as a Dementia Champion to lead on this issue for Council.



Councillor McCann spoke in support of the motion.

Councillor Roberts **MOVED** and Councillor Ahmad **SECONDED** that under Council Procedure rule 8.4(d) the motion be referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board.

RESOLVED that under Council Procedure Rule 8.4(d) the motion be referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board.

Motion 3

Councillor Harkness **MOVED** and Councillor Turner **SECONDED** the following motion:

“Council notes that:

- Free school meals are a critical safety net for children from low-income families
- Free school meals help tackle child hunger, boost educational attainment, and save parents £400 per year
- It is estimated that for one in four children a school lunch may be their only hot meal every day
- The Schools Census does not collect information on pupils entitled to receive free school meals, only those who meet the eligibility criteria AND are registered to claim them.
- In January 2016, the Census recorded that 8,253 children have been awarded free school meals, but that under 80% of children take up the free school meals they are entitled to
- Some parents choose not to register their children and some children chose not to eat a school meal because of stigmatisation and school isolation
- Not only does this mean a child might go hungry, but schools lose out on pupil-premium funding, intended to help close the attainment gap between the most disadvantaged pupils and their peers, as this is based upon free school meals registration
- Neighbouring Calderdale Council uses central held housing benefit and council tax reduction records to identify any children eligible to receive free school meals, where their parents are not currently claiming, and then automatically enrolls them; this leads to additional pupil-premium payments to the schools they attend
- In March 2015, this approach led to a further 586 pupils being registered for free school meals and their schools receiving additional pupil-premium funding of £685,000

Council recognises that promoting the take-up of free school meals should one of our priorities in addressing food poverty and improving educational attainment in the borough

Council therefore resolves to ask the relevant Cabinet Members and the Director of Education to look to adopt the approach taken by Calderdale in Oldham and to launch a campaign to promote the tack up of free school meals by those pupils eligible to receive them.



Councillor Harkness, as Mover the motion, and Councillor Turner, as the Seconder of the motion, requested that the motion be WITHDRAWN.

Motion 4

Councillor Sykes MOVED and Councillor Williamson SECONDED the following motion:

“Council believes that it is a disgrace and a scandal that over the last nine months five Royal Mail post boxes have disappeared from Shaw and Crompton.

Council recognised that this has caused great inconvenience to residents; most particularly those living on Dunwood Park Courts, who have been without a local post box since November 2015, and to the many elderly, infirm or disabled residents living adjacent to those five locations, who struggle, or simply find it impossible, to walk to the next available post box.

Furthermore, Council is deeply disappointed by the:

- Lack of urgency in the response from the Chief Executive of Royal Mail to representations on this matter by local Councillors
- Vague promises made to reinstate these post boxes at some unspecified future date
- Apparent lack of a statutory requirement for Royal Mail to consult with any local authority, and local residents, before a post box is removed from a public location

Council resolves to request that the Chief Executive writes to:

- The Chief Executive and Chairman of Royal Mail Plc conveying this Council’s robust view on this matter and demanding the early reinstatement of these post boxes as a matter of urgency
- The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport asking the Government to establish a statutory requirement for Royal Mail to consult any District or Unitary Council, and local residents, prior to the removal (or non-replacement for a period of more than one calendar month) of any public post box from their area.

Councillor Sykes did not exercise his right of reply.

A vote was taken on the MOTION.

On being put the vote, the MOTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Chief Executive write to the Chief Executive and Chairman of Royal Mail plc conveying this Council's robust view on this matter and demanding the early reinstatement of these post boxes as a matter of urgency.
2. The Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport asking the Government to establish a statutory requirement for Royal Mail to consult any District or Unitary Council, and local residents, prior to the removal (or non-replacement for a period of more than one calendar month) of any public post box from their area.

16a To note the Minutes of the following Joint Authority meetings and the relevant spokespersons to respond to questions from Members

The minutes of the Joint Authorities were submitted as follows:

National Park Authority	27 th May 2016
Transport for Greater Manchester	10 th June 2016 (AGM)
	10 th June 2016
Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)	30 th June 2016 (AGM)
	30 th June 2016
	29 th July 2016
Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA)	30 th June 2016 (AGM)
	30 th June 2016
Joint GMCA/AGMA Executive	29 th July 2016

Councillor Sykes – Transport for Greater Manchester Committee minutes, Minute TfGMC 16/18, Metrolink Park and Ride: Overnight Parking Trial – he was pleased to say that it worked. A solution was needed to use Metrolink provision when using Intercity services.

Councillor Sykes – Transport for Greater Manchester Committee minutes, Minute TfGMC 16/19 – Bus Services Bill – if the bill was passed it would give similar power to Transport for London and if chose to do so would be able to regulate some commercial services and, if seen fit, instruct operators to do things differently than what the operators wanted. TfGM worked hard to ensure things connects but some changes were leaving places isolated.

Councillor Sykes – Transport for Greater Manchester Committee minutes, TfGMC Minute 16/22 - Metrolink Service Changes: Summer 2016. The original business case, due to the loss of the rail line, included a direct connection with Piccadilly. With the change in routes, neither service goes to Piccadilly. The authority needed to lobby within the next few weeks when the line was taken beyond Exchange Square. The connection with Piccadilly was crucial to future employment and the regeneration of the Borough. Councillor Sykes requested an urgent meeting, he was not sure if decisions had already been made. The current route was contrary to what was originally campaigned for.

Councillor Stretton responded that she would write along those lines to TfGMC.



RESOLVED that:

1. the minutes of the Joint Authorities as detailed in the report be noted.
2. The observations made on the Joint Authority minutes be noted.
3. TfGM be contacted regarding connection to Piccadilly.

16b To note the Minutes of the following Partnership meetings and the relevant spokespersons to respond to questions from Members

The minutes of the Partnership meetings were submitted as follows:

Oldham Leadership Board	21 st July 2016
MioCare	9 th May 2016

There were no questions or observations on the Partnership minutes.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Partnership meetings as detailed in the report be noted.

17 **UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Legal Services which informed members of actions that had been taken following previous Council meetings and provided feedback on other issues raised at the meeting.

RESOLVED that the update on the actions report be noted.

18 **NEW POWERS TO GMCA CONSULTATION - OLDHAM COUNCIL RESPONSE**

Consideration was given a report regarding the response to the second GMCA consultation. The response was submitted under delegation to the Leader, in consultation with the Chief Executive. It had not been possible to discuss the submission at Council prior to submission due to the deadline which closed on Monday, 15th August 2016. The response was submitted on 12th August 2016.

GMCA had launched the consultation on 4th July 2016 which invited people and local authorities to submit their thoughts and comments on the powers that Greater Manchester would request from Central Government.

The consultation included questions on:

- Responsibility for the functions of the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority;
- Responsibility for the functions of the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority;
- Proposals for Further Education, Skills and Employment Support;
- Proposals for Transport;

- Proposal for Greater Manchester Spatial Framework;
- Proposal regarding Overview and Scrutiny Committees; and
- Equalities Proposals.

RESOLVED that:

1. The report be noted.
2. Oldham Council's response to the consultation as outlined at Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

19

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2015/16

Consideration was given to the recently approved 2015/16 audited Statement of Accounts and the External Audit (Grant Thornton) Audit Findings report. The Statement of Accounts had been considered by Cabinet on 25th July 2016 where the accounts were noted and commended to Council.

The Statement of Accounts report highlighted the following:

- Excellent Audit Findings report with an unqualified audit opinion and no material misstatements;
- Audit judgements, all of which had a green rating and a very positive Value for Money (VFM) opinion;
- Overall financial position for 2015/16 which showed a surplus of £0.425m when comparing the revenue budget to the outturn. There was a slight increase in the forecast surplus reported in the last financial monitoring report approved by Cabinet on 21st March 2016;
- The speed of the preparation of the accounts to the high standard set by the Finance Service in previous years; and
- The performance of the Finance Team in closing the Council's accounts and the focus on the continuous improvement of its processes.

The report provided all members with the opportunity to review the Council's year-end financial position.

RESOLVED that the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2015/16, the Audit Findings Report and the comments in that report be noted.

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TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 15/16

Consideration was given to a report on the Treasury Management Review for 2015/16. The Council was required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce an annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2015/16. The report met the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code).

Minimum reporting requirements were that full Council were to receive the following reports:

- An annual treasury strategy in advance of the year (approved 25 February 2015);
- A mid-year (minimum) treasury update report (approved 24 February 2016); and
- An annual review following the end of the year which described the activity compared to the strategy.

This report demonstrated fully compliance with the requirements as it provided details of the outturn position for treasury activities and highlighted compliance with the Council's policies previously approved by Members. The key actual prudential and treasury indicators were outlined in the report. The Director of Finance confirmed in the report that the statutory borrowing limit (the authorised limit) had not been breached.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Actual 2015/16 prudential and treasury indicators as outline in the report be approved.
2. The Annual Treasury Management Report for 2015/16 be approved.

21

2016/17 MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION (MRP) POLICY STATEMENT - OUTCOME OF REVIEW AND PROPOSED REVISION

Consideration was given to a report which described the outcome of a review of the Council's 2016/17 Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement. A review of the MRP Policy Statement had been undertaken to ensure it was clear on all material matters associated with making prudent provision for the repayment of debt while continuing to reflect the requirements of DCLG Statutory Guidance. The report described the outcome of the review and set out the case for changing the method of calculating provision for 'previously supported borrowing' to one which was more prudent (on a whole life basis) than the current approach.

The approach set out in the revised MRP Policy Statement would generate revenue budget savings of £2.7m in 2016/17, reduce the budget gap in future years by £2.5m in 2017/18 and £2.3m in 2018/19. Annual savings would continue beyond 2018/19 but would generally reduce and finally cease in 2032/33.

Options Considered:

Option 1: to approve the revision to the MRP policy which would enable new capital financing figures to be included in budget estimates.

Option 2: not to approve the revision to the MRP policy and continue to use the current methodology for the calculation of capital financing charges.

RESOLVED that:

1. The revised 2016/17 Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement set out at Appendix One which replaces Section 2.3 of the 2016/17 Treasury Management Strategy Statement approved by Council on 24 February 2016 be approved.
2. the new MRP Policy which would generate a saving which could be used to support the 2016/17 financial position and would revise the base budget requirement for future financial years be noted.

22

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

Consideration was given to the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2015/16. The report outlined the purpose of Overview and Scrutiny, the roles and responsibilities of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, Performance and Value for Money Select Committee, a summary of the work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny during 2015/16 and outlined how individuals could get involved in Overview and Scrutiny. Councillor McLaren expressed his thanks to members and officers in the support to the Overview and Scrutiny Board over the last twelve months.

Councillor Williams spoke on the report.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2015/16 be approved.

23

WELFARE REFORM - THEMATIC ANALYSIS: DEBT AND FINANCES OF LOCAL PEOPLE

Consideration was given to report which provided information on Welfare Reform and a thematic analysis on the impact on the debt and finances of local people. The report provided a brief overview of the previous and current legislation related to welfare reform, a brief description of the current financial landscape within Oldham with a focus on the levels and types of debt, what the Council and other services were doing within Oldham to help local people with the finances and debt advice and how the Council could use the findings to work through its own services and with partners for further mitigation on the impact of welfare reform.

RESOLVED that the report related to Welfare Reform Thematic Analysis on the Debt and Finance of Local People be noted.

The meeting started at 6.05 pm and ended at 9.37 pm



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Petitions

Portfolio Holder: Various

Officer Contact: Various

Report Author: Elizabeth Drogan, Head of Constitutional Services
Ext. 4705

9th November 2016

Reason for Decision

The decision is for Elected Members to note the petitions received by Council in accordance with the Petitions Protocol.

Petitions Received

Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods

Collapse of Building on King Street (Coldhurst Ward) (received 26 September 2016) (80 signatures) (Ref 2016-13)

Petition Against Proposed Parking Permit Charges (Royton South Ward) (received 20 October 2016) (125 signatures) (Ref 2016-14)

Petition Against Licensing Application (Alexandra Ward) (received 28 October 2016) (221 signatures) (Ref 2016-15)

Recommendations

It is recommended that Council note the petitions received.

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Present: Councillor Stretton (Chair)
Councillors Akhtar, Brownridge, Chadderton, Jabbar

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harrison, Hussain and Moores.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2016 be approved as a correct record.

6 **EDUCATION PROVISION STRATEGY 2016-20**

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Economy Skills and Neighbourhoods which sought approval and adoption of the Education Provision Strategy 2016-2020 as detailed within the report.

The strategy provided the context and policy for the provision of education places for children and young people aged 2-19.

It was reported that the Council had a statutory duty to ensure there were enough school places available to local children and young people. Additional primary schools places had been created through a number of school expansion projects and the creation of a new three form entry primary school in the town centre.

Options/alternatives considered

Option 1 - Adopt the Education Provision Strategy as appended to this report. The strategy had been subject to relevant scrutiny and due diligence and shared with stakeholders. It therefore reflected the views of those groups and individuals with whom the LA sought to work with in securing the Local Authority duty to provide sufficient school places and the council's ambition to provide high quality provision.

Option 2 - Suggest amendments to the strategy as presented.

This was not a recommended option as the strategy had been developed in partnership with key stakeholders and fully reflects the priorities of those most affected by it.

Option 3 - Decide not to adopt the strategy, which would leave the council vulnerable in light of the national and regional policy drivers already in place and planned within the life of this parliament.

Consultation

Key partners form Council departments and Primary and Secondary Head teachers through the Education Provision Group.

RESOLVED – That the Education Provision Strategy 2016-2020 be approved and adopted.

7

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT CONSULTATION AND REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Education and Early Years which sought approval and agreement to proposed changes to the existing Home to school/college Transport Policy and the details of a new policy for travel assistance scheduled to be implemented in September 2016. It was reported that the provision of Home to School transport was provided to approximately 500 pupils with special educational needs who were eligible for transport between home and school.

The report provided details of the extensive consultation undertaken with service users and stakeholders and the outcome of the consultation.

The Council had developed a draft policy framework with Rochdale and Bury Local Authorities offering families the option to utilise provision including:

- The offer of personal budgets as an alternative
- Independent travel training
- Designated pick-up and drop-off points

Overall the consultation feedback was positive and the policy would ensure compliance with changes in legislation and SEND reform and ensure compliance with a recent Local Government Ombudsman ruling regarding appeals.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 - The draft policies are agreed and published with effect from 1st September 2016. This would ensure that:

- Oldham Council had a compliant policy in place.
- The requirements of the SEND Reform 2014 were able to be supported.
- Children and Young People and their families have a wider range of provision on offer.
- Children and Young people could access Independent Travel Training to allow them to reach their full potential in adult life.
- The service would be able to manage demand by offering alternative means of assistance where possible.

Disadvantages would be:

- The potential impact of the inclusion of Mobility Benefits in the assessment for support.

Option 2 - Do not agree the current draft policies. This would result in:

- No impact as Mobility benefits would not be taken into account during the assessment for support
- Children and Young people could access Independent Travel Training to allow them to reach their full potential in adult life, as this was included within the existing policy.

Disadvantages would be:

- Capacity to manage demand on the service by offering alternative means of assistance where possible would be reduced.
- Oldham Council would not have a compliant policy in place.
- The requirements of the SEND Reform 2014 would not to be supported.

Option 3 - Agree the new policies with the removal of the clause relating to the inclusion of Mobility benefit in the assessment process. This would mean:

- Oldham Council had a compliant policy in place.
- The requirements of the SEND Reform 2014 would be supported.
- Children and Young People and their families had a wider range of provision on offer.
- Children and Young people could access Independent Travel Training to allow them to reach their full potential in adult life.
- The service would be able to manage demand by offering alternative means of assistance where possible.

Disadvantages would be:

- Capacity to manage demand on the service would be reduced.

Option 4 - Amend the existing policy to include the appeals process contained within the draft framework. This would result in:

- Children and Young people accessing Independent Travel Training to allow them to reach their full potential in adult life, as this was included within the existing policy.
- No impact as Mobility benefits would not be taken into account during the assessment for support

Disadvantages would be:

- Capacity to manage demand on the service by offering alternative means of assistance where possible, would be reduced.
- Oldham Council will not have a compliant policy in place.
- The requirements of the SEND Reform 2014 were not to be supported.

- We would not have separate policies for mainstream and SEND.



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RESOLVED – That the Transport Policy Framework developed in partnership with Rochdale and Bury Local Authorities be approved and effective from the 1st September 2016.

8

2016/17 MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION (MRP) POLICY STATEMENT - OUTCOME OF REVIEW AND PROPOSED REVISION

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Finance which provided details of the outcome of a review of the Council's 2016/17 Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement and sought approval of the adoption of the revised Minimum Revenue Provision policy 2016/17 as set out at Appendix One to the report.

It was reported that a review of the Council's MRP Policy Statement was undertaken to ensure it was clear on all material matters associated with making prudent provision for the repayment of debt whilst continuing to reflect the requirements of Department for Communities and Local Government Statutory Guidance.

The report provided the outcome of the review and set out the case for changing the method of calculating provision for 'previously supported borrowing' to one which was arguably more prudent (on a whole life basis) than the current approach. If approved, the approach set out in the revised MRP Policy Statement would generate revenue budget savings of £2.7m in 2016/17 and reduce the budget gap in future years by £2.5m in 2017/18 and £2.3m in 2018/19. Annual savings continued beyond 2018/19 but would gradually reduce and finally cease in 2032/33.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – To approve the revision to the Medium Revenue Provision policy which would enable new capital financing figures to be included in budget estimates.

Option 2 – Not to approve the revisions to the Medium Revenue Provision policy and continue to use the current methodology for calculating capital financing charges.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The approval of the revised 2016/17 Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement set out at Appendix One be commended to Council, this would replace Section 2.3 of the 2016/17 Treasury Management Strategy Statement approved by Council on 24 February 2016.
2. The generation of a saving which could be used to support the 2016/17 financial position and would revise the base budget requirement for future financial years be noted.

REVENUE MONITOR AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2016/17 QUARTER 1 - JUNE 2016



The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Director of Finance which provided a combined update on the Council's 2016/17 forecast revenue budget position, the financial position of the capital programme as at 30th June 2016 and the revised capital programme 2016/21.

Revenue Position

It was reported that the current outturn position for 2016/17 was a projected favourable variance of £0.1m after allowing for approved and pending transfers to and from reserves.

The key issues to note were two portfolios with advance variances. The most significant area of concern was Adult Social Care, a demand led service that was under pressure to deliver within the budget allocation with a projected overspend of £2.832m. It was noted that mitigating action was being taken to address the variances.

The Housing Revenue Account and Collection Fund quarter 1 position was also outlined within the report.

Capital Position

It was reported that the current forecast outturn position for 2016/17 was £77.748m compared to the original budget of £80.544m. Actual expenditure to the 30th June 2016 was £8.209m.

It was noted that at this early stage of the financial year, the forecast position remained uncertain and it was likely to continue to change. The report provided details of the possibility of further reprofiling likely to be required as schemes progressed from development through to delivery.

Following the approval of the capital programme 2016/21 at Council 24th February 2016, the Department of Education announced a grant allocation of £22.824m for education basic need which would be available in 2018/19 to enable the Council to support the capital requirement for providing new pupil places by expanding existing maintained schools, free schools or academies and establishing new schools.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 - To approve the forecast revenue and capital positions presented in the report including proposed changes.

Option 2 - To approve some of the forecasts and changes included in the report.

Option 3 – Not to approve any of the forecasts and changes included in the report.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The forecast revenue outturn for 2016/17 at Quarter 1 being a £0.1m under spend be noted.
2. The forecast positions for both the HRA and Collection Fund be noted.
3. The use of reserves as detailed in section 3 of Annexe 1 be noted.
4. The revised capital programme for 2016/2021 as at 30 June 2016 including additional grant funding of £22.824m

from the Department for Education for 2018/19 Education Basic Need be noted.

5. The capital programme virements and re-phasing detailed in Annexe 2 - Appendix F of the report be noted.

10 **PRINCE'S GATE, EASTERN GATEWAY PROJECT - APPROVAL OF A CONTRACTOR FOR SEWER DIVERSION WORKS.**

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Director of Economic Development which sought approval of the commissioning of Westshield as the contractor for the sewer diversion works at Prince's Gate.

The report provided details of the procurement exercise via the Low Value Construction & Highway Services Framework and the mini completion process undertaken with five suppliers.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – To appoint Westshield in accordance with the procurement process.

Option 2 – To appoint a contractor for the works.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information detailed at Item 12 of the report.

11 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

12 **PRINCE'S GATE, EASTERN GATEWAY PROJECT - APPROVAL OF A CONTRACTOR FOR SEWER DIVERSION WORKS.**

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 10 - Prince's Gate, Eastern Gateway Project - Approval of a Contractor for sewer diversion works.

RESOLVED – That:

1. Westshield be appointed as the contractor for the sewer diversion works at Prince's Gate.
2. Delegated authority be delegated to the Director of Legal Services or his nominee to execute the agreed form of contract together with any other ancillary documentation necessary in order to make such appointment.

The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 6.15 pm

Present: Councillor Stretton (Chair)
Councillors Akhtar, Brownridge, Chadderton, Harrison,
F Hussain, Jabbar and Moores

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**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd August 2016 be approved as a correct record.

6 **OLDHAM COUNCIL EFFICIENCY PLAN FOR FY 16/17 TO 19/20**

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Director of Finance which set out an Efficiency Plan for Oldham Council. Members were advised that the preparation and submission to Central Government of an Efficiency Plan (detailed at appendix one to the report) was necessary to access a four year finance settlement for Revenue Support Grant (RSG) covering the period 2016/17 to 2019/20. In order to secure the four year settlement the Council was required to submit its Efficiency Plan by no later than the 14th October 2016.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – Continue to develop and finalise the Efficiency Plan for submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Option 2 – Do not develop and finalise an Efficiency Plan for submission.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The content of the Efficiency Plan as detailed at appendix one to the report be noted.
2. The revised cumulative budget gap figured of £20.315m for 2017/8 and £34.014m for 2018/19, £45.185m for 2019/20 and £53.823m for 2020/21.
3. That responsibility for finalising and submitting and Efficiency Plan be delegated to the Deputy Leader in his role as Cabinet Member for Finance and Human Resources in consultation with the Director of Finance.

CONTRACT AWARD: - NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATIONS OF A SUPPLIER EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME



The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Corporate and Commercial Services which sought approval to establish a national framework for the implementation and operations of a supplier early payment scheme.

The report provided details of the previous tender process the Council had undertaken and had entered into with Oxygen Finance in relation to establishing a supplier early payments scheme.

The scheme assisted the council in paying suppliers faster which helped with cash flow, increased efficiency through e-invoicing and optimising the supply base. The key focus of the scheme was establishing best practice Purchase to Pay (P2P) and supplier relationships and the early payment rebates generated through the scheme formed an income stream for the Council that contributed to the savings target.

The report contained details of the benefits of establishing a National Early Payment Framework including:

- Continued income stream from an established and effective scheme and an opportunity to establish an Oldham run national framework with the benefit of leveraging a more favourable share of the income.
- An opportunity to earn additional fees from both the framework supplier and contracting authorities for each call-off.
- Dedicated scheme provision would provide a robust and transparent suite of Management Information, enabling the Council to accurately track and quantify the specific value added by the scheme and, more generally, the benefits that were realising through the Council's implementation of P2P (Purchase to Pay) best practice.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – To cease the Early Payment Scheme and income generated by the scheme would be lost.

Option 2 – To establish a framework listing Oxygen Finance as the framework provider to ensure the ongoing success of the early payment scheme. This would provide an increase in early payment gain share income and inclusive P2P improvement and compliance. To also generate additional income by charging other Local Authorities to use the Framework.

RESOLVED – That following the results of a tender exercise on the 10th June 2016, the Council establishes a framework, listing Oxygen Finance as the framework provider contract for a period of 4 years whereby future requirements for an Early Payment Scheme could be called off by Local Authorities nationally.

COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT JUNE 2016

The Cabinet considered a report of the Head of Business Intelligence which provided details of the Council's performance for June 2016.

The report summarised the performance measures and actions and of the rated measures 57% met their target and of the Corporate plan actions 96% were on track or had been completed.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9

PRIORITY SCHOOL BUILD PROGRAMME PHASE 2 (PSBP2) - ROYTON & CROMPTON SCHOOL

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods which sought approval to maximise potential benefits from the proposed Education Funding Agency funded Priority Schools Building Programme Phase 2 project at Royton and Crompton School. It was reported that the Council had applied to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) for funding to rebuild Royton and Crompton Secondary School, Greenfield and Clarksfield Primary schools and had been successful in relation to the application for Royton and Crompton School.

There had been significant delays in the EFA appointing its design consultants so significant progress had been delayed on the scheme until April 2016.

It was further reported that a total rebuild of the school as an 8 form entry (240 pupils per year) would cost in the region of £14,000,000. As the Council was expecting a predicted shortfall of secondary school places the EFA was asked to consider rebuilding the school as a 10 form entry (300 pupils per year group rather than the current 8 form entry).

The EFA confirmed that this additional scope could be included within the project however the Council would be responsible to pay all costs associated with this increased scope. This was estimated to be £3.5m and the EFA sought formal written confirmation of the Council's financial commitment to this sum if the expansion as requested.

At the site of the school there was also an artificial grass pitch which due to maintenance issues was not being used to its full potential. The footprint of the new building may intrude upon the pitch and due to funding restrictions the EFA would not be able to fund a replacement pitch. The Council were asked to offer up the maintenance costs within the current programme associated with replacing the pitch surface to be made available to them as part of the project as it was likely that the inclusion of a new pitch would produce a better layout and have the artificial pitch replaced as part of the main project.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1- Do nothing. Failing to progress with the necessary procedural and legal steps currently required would result in no works being funded by the EFA and the school having to continue to operate out of the current substandard school buildings.

Option 2 – To work with the EFA for them to procure a rebuild using only the funds they had available.

It was likely that if this option was pursued the EFA would produce a straightforward building at the lowest cost option and avoid any works in the vicinity of the artificial pitch thereby

reducing the design options available as the design would be limited by the location of the existing pitch.

Option 3 – To work with the EFA for them to procure a rebuild using the funds they had available and to offer to incorporate the £170,000 capital budget allocated for the artificial pitch.

By offering to incorporate the maintenance budget for the artificial pitch it was likely that not only would the pitch replacement occur during the build project but also offer a greater variety of options to be available for the design and location of the building within the site.

Option 3 – To work with the EFA for them to procure a rebuild using the funds they had available, to offer to incorporate the £170,000 of capital budget for the artificial pitch and to make an additional financial commitment of £3.5m to the EFA to permit them to build an expanded school with an intake of 10FE i.e. 300 pupils per year.

This option was most likely to produce the best design incorporating the replacement pitch surface and deliver an economic method of increasing the number of secondary school places available.

To proceed with the additional capacity as part of the project the EFA would require the Council's Section 151 Officer to sign a letter agreeing to pay the Council's Capital Contribution for additional works outlined above as per Appendix B.

The costs of the expanded places could be provided from the available funds in the allocation Basic Needs funding from the EFA for 2018 and 2019.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at Item 12 before reaching a decision.

10

DAY SERVICES AWARD OF CONTRACT

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director Health and Wellbeing which sought approval to award the Day Services contract for older people.

The report set out the future commissioning arrangements for day care services for older people in Oldham. This included complex day care for people with dementia and enhanced lunch club services.

The new commissioning arrangements for day care services would reflect the transformation in the provision of adult social care services in Oldham over the next few years and would see a greater number of people organising their own care service using personal budgets.

It was reported that the Council had an overarching contract with Age UK Oldham, covering several services and this contract was extended on the 31st March 2016 to allow implementation of the new contract.

A total of two providers submitted a tender (A and B) and the tenders were evaluated in accordance with criteria and weightings as outlined within the report. Provider B did not meet the requirements of the service specification and therefore the Cabinet was asked to consider awarding the contract to provider A.

Options Alternatives considered

To award the contract for Day Services to provider A based on the outcome of the tender process as detailed within the report.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at Item 13 of the report before reaching a decision.

11

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

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PRIORITY SCHOOL BUILD PROGRAMME PHASE 2 (PSBP2) - ROYTON & CROMPTON SCHOOL

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 9 - Priority School Build Programme Phase 2 (PSBP2) - Royton & Crompton School.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The grant application process and progress to date be noted.
2. The recommendation to seek an expansion of the school by 2 forms of entry (additional 60 pupils per year group) and the further request as detailed within recommendation 2 of the commercially sensitive report be approved.
3. The Director of Finance be authorised to issue a letter of financial commitment for the Councils' portion of the costs of carrying out the works to expand the school, this letter would be in the sum of approximately £3,500,000 and the further request detailed within recommendation 3 of the commercially sensitive report be approved.
4. Recommendation 4 as detailed within the commercially sensitive report be approved.
5. The use of the existing capital budget of £170,000 for the artificial grass pitch to be allocated to this project to offset costs of replacing the artificial pitch as part of the EFA sponsored project be approved.
6. The Director of Legal Services or his nominee be authorised to enter into all necessary documentation contracts and legal commitments to ensure the full benefits of the project are realised within the framework of the Priority Schools Building Programme Phase 2.

13

DAY SERVICES AWARD OF CONTRACT

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 13 – Day Services Award of Contract.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The Day Services contract be awarded to provider A as detailed within the report.

2. The proposals for transforming day care services to support the development of locally based integrated health and social care services be noted.

The meeting started at 6.00pm and finished at 6.15pm





HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD
21/06/2016 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor Dearden (Chair)
Councillors Chauhan, Moores and Price

Dr Zuber Ahmed	Oldham CCG
Jon Aspinall	GMFR
Peter Denton	Healthwatch Oldham
Caroline Drysdale	Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
Sandra Good	Pennine Acute
Alan Higgins	Director of Public Health
Majid Hussain	Lay Chair Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Maggie Kufeldt	Assistant Executive Director Joint Commissioning
Stuart Lockwood	Oldham Community Leisure
Dr Ian Wilkinson	Oldham CCG

Also in Attendance:

Vicky Sugars	Strategy, Partnerships and Policy Manager
Sian Walter-Browne	Constitutional Services
Kaidy McCann	Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Harrison and Dr Keith Jeffery.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2016 be approved as a correct record.

6 **ACTION & RESOLUTION LOG**

RESOLVED that the Action and Resolution Log be noted.

7 **MEETING OVERVIEW**

RESOLVED that the Meeting Overview be noted.

HEALTHWATCH OLDHAM/OLDHAM SIXTH FORM COLLEGE RESEARCH PROJECT



The Board gave consideration to a report that updated them on the research project, the aim of which was to give students and their families an opportunity to make local stakeholders in health and care aware of the topics that interested them and what their views/experiences of these were.

This year the students had chosen to research:

- Eating disorders
- Intensive care (with a focus on young people)
- Paediatric care (with a focus on people with the highest levels of need)
- Mental health
- Junior doctors
- Children's dental health
- Teen pregnancy
- Substance misuse
- Smoking and quitting
- A&E waiting times

The students presented a short video of their key findings.

RESOLVED that:

1. The report and presentation be received and noted.
2. The Health and Wellbeing Board members would receive copies of the final report in July and cascade this to relevant people in their organisation.
3. The locality plan transformational programme leads would receive copies of the final report in July and consider how these could shape their public engagement around the planning and implementation of their programmes.

HEALTH PROTECTION SUB-GROUP

The Board gave consideration to a report that brought to their attention two documents that had been considered by the Health Protection Sub-Group.

The purpose of the Health Protection Sub-Group of the Health and Wellbeing Board was to develop an approach to Oldham's response to health protection issues, including protection from infectious diseases, environmental hazards and emergency preparedness.

The Board considered the Oldham Emergency Health Economy Capabilities and Contacts document and noted:-

- This document had been developed to supplement the "Greater Manchester Outbreak Plan" at an Oldham level ensuring the right people were contacted at the right time

to ensure that the borough was resilient and could respond appropriately to outbreaks. It focused on the most likely outbreak scenarios and provided the contact details should an outbreak control team need to be called, and an immediate response made by health and social care partners across the borough.

- It had been designed to ensure that an appropriate lead from each organisation was contacted as they would know which member of their service would need to be called, and was therefore output/effect focused e.g. identifying clinical staff to provide antibiotics to a large number of school children both in and out of normal working hours.
- The Master Document would be held by Public Health at Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (OMBC).
- Each organisation was responsible for ensuring that their contact details are kept up to date
- Each organisation would be emailed on a three monthly basis and requested to complete and update even if this is a nil return.
- The document would be shared with the following organisations on a need to know basis, shared with only those staff who had a need to know as part of their role responsibility:
 - OMBC On Call Team
 - Pennine Acute Hospital Trust
 - Pennine Care Foundation Trust
 - NHS Oldham Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Greater Manchester Public Health England Centre

The Board also considered the CCG Emergency Planning, Resilience and Response and noted:-

- The CCG was now a fully compliant organisation, improving from partial compliance 12 months ago.
- All CCGs in Greater Manchester were also fully compliant.
- Oldham's provider partners were judged to be partially compliant.
- Providers would be challenged on this through the North East Health Emergency Resilience Group (HERG).

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report and appendices be noted

2. Support would be continued for the work of the Health Protection Group and its constituent organisations towards its aims and objectives.

10

LOCAL CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING BOARD – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Board gave consideration to a Memorandum of Understanding that set out the expectations of the relationship and working arrangements between Oldham's Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), Oldham's Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB), Oldham's Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), Oldham's Best Start in Life Partnership (BSLP) and Oldham's Community Safety and Cohesion Partnership (CSCP). It covered their respective roles and functions, arrangements for challenge, oversight and scrutiny, and performance management.

The chair of the LSCB, the chair of the SAB, the chair of the HWB, the chair of the BSLP, the chair of the CSCP and the Director for Children's Services had formally agreed to the arrangements set out in the document.

The Board noted the arrangements would be subject to review in 3 years from the date of the agreement unless there was a significant change in the central government advice about these boards or any of the boards felt the arrangements were not working satisfactorily.

The report set out the background to the arrangements and the roles and inter-relationships of the various bodies that were signatories to the Memorandum.

RESOLVED that the contents of the Memorandum of Understanding be noted.

11

OLDHAM LOCALITY PLAN AND ACCOUNTABLE CARE MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION (ACMO) PROGRESS

The Board gave consideration to a report that set out the progress made with regard to establishment of the ACMO since the last meeting, outlined the key risks being managed by the programme and indicated the milestones for the next 2 months. Detailed progress reports were made on the work undertaken in the last two months.

It was noted that there would be work undertaken to refresh the locality plan, especially in relation to financial issues and further detail was provided as to the work streams that would begin in July.

The Board was updated on the changes to the transformation programmes, both in terms of their titles, and also in terms of their number. There were currently six transformation programmes, as follows:

- Establishing an accountable care management organisation (ACMO)
- Mental health is central to good health
- Starting well: Best start in life
- Thriving communities
- Health and social care integration
- Prevention

The work to develop the programme mandates had already identified a number of key issues, including the following:

- All of the programmes had a vital relationship with the accountable care management organisation; making sure that this relationship is clear, agreed and well-understood was important.
- All of the programmes had connections with each other, and with the three underpinning strategies. Further work was needed to describe these connections so that they could be managed as effectively as possible
- All of the programmes were likely to benefit from an agreed approach to programme management, which made best use of the resources available in the borough, at least across both the Council and the CCG
- All of the programmes needed further work on the detail of their expected benefits, including the measures that would be used to indicate the achievement of those benefits. This would include the assessment of the financial benefits arising from each programme, which would be a contribution towards the Oldham 'financial gap.'

The Board were informed that all partners wanted both horizontal and vertical integration, and that the ACMO would produce healthy financial sustainability. It was accepted that there would be a need to clearly articulate the care pathway design and it was understood that consultation would be both early and meaningful.

Clarification was sought as to the future role of the Board and information was provided that the detail of how this was going to work was being explored. It was accepted that all partners needed to get the best value out of the commissioner/provider integration.

The Board discussed the detail of the issues of branding, consultation and engagement, and the expected behaviour changes.

RESOLVED that:-

3. The report and appendix be noted
4. Regular updates be provided to future meetings.

GM TRANSFORMATION FUND

The Board received a report, originally taken to the GM Strategic Partnership Board on 27th May 2016, that outlined the next steps following the assessment of Locality Plans; the support that had been put in place to assist in their further development; and the processes to secure their consideration for access to Transformation Fund Monies.



The Board were informed that each bid was expected to be robust and challenging. The Fund was for innovation, not day-to-day activity and funding could cease if the expected benefits were not being delivered. Bids were also expected to be detailed, not just high-level.

The Board **RESOLVED** that:

1. The progress in applying support to the development of Locality Plans following the assessment would be noted;
2. The request for localities and GM themes to confirm their consideration in line with the agreed Transformation Fund Financial Process be recognised
3. The development of a Transformation Fund Oversight Group to advise the Executive in taking their decisions about the Fund, be supported;
4. The work to develop documentation including an initial Proposal Template and draft Investment Agreement be noted;
5. The development of a GM Dashboard to both inform decisions and monitor the application of the Fund against those agreements to track the impact of the Fund and the Locality Plans more broadly, be supported.
6. That Denis Gizzi be asked to provide an update on the work of the Transformational Fund Oversight Group to the next meeting.

PRIMARY, SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CARE CLUSTER INTEGRATION – EARLY ADOPTER UPDATE

The Board received an update on the progress of the Early Adopter Programme, with a further detailed report to be brought to the meeting in July.

Over the last 2 years there had been alignment of health services into the PCMH and there was now the opportunity to move forward with whole system integration, to work towards the achievement of the accountable care management organisation. This was a whole-system integration, with a difference in how services were delivered, allowing for a more co-ordinated response to the patient.

A Steering Group had been set up with Director-level representation. Being an early adopter gave the opportunity to test what was different and had required a complete re-configuration of services.

The experience had been very positive, with all partners very committed to making it work.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be noted
2. A full report be provided to the next meeting.

14

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The Board gave consideration to a report that provided an update on the progress of embedding an equality analysis into Oldham's Locality Plan.

It included:

- An overview of both the Local Authority and CCG duties and responsibilities in terms of assessing equality and health impacts
- A draft combined equality and health impact screening and assessment form
- The plan to embed equality analysis in the forward development of the specific projects detailed in the Implementation Plan
- Outstanding issues in relation to the process

The Board noted that equality and health impacts were shared equally between OMBC and the CCG. It was necessary to be ready to roll out a combined screening and assessment form, and feedback had shown the documents attached to the report were believed to be robust.

The Board were informed that specific groups of people could be added as appropriate.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. The duties and responsibilities in regard to equality and health impact be noted
2. The dates of the training sessions for colleagues from Oldham Council, Oldham Clinical Commissioning Group and other lead partners be noted
3. The Board would send any comments they had to Jenni Barker

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MANCHESTER SINGLE HOSPITAL SERVICE REVIEW

The Board gave consideration to a report concerning the Single Hospital Service Review, led by Sir Jonathan Michael, which was commissioned by Manchester City Health & Wellbeing

Board and had begun in January 2016. The first stage of this review, which identified the benefits of adopting a Single Service Model, was presented to the Manchester City Health and Wellbeing Board on the 27th April 2016. The second stage of the review was presented on the 8th June 2016.

The review had concluded that the organisational form most likely to support the enablers and to deliver the benefits of a Single Hospital Service would be the creation of a new NHS organisation that would take responsibility for the full range of services currently provided by Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Trust (CMFT), University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (UHSM) and by Pennine Acute Trust (PAT) on the North Manchester General Hospital (NMGH) site.

It was noted that it was important that the creation of this type of organisation did not adversely affect other hospital services within Greater Manchester. The NMGH hospital site currently formed only part of the Pennine Acute NHS Hospitals Trust, which also provided hospital services to the North East Sector of Greater Manchester from Oldham, Bury and Rochdale. The impact that the potential transfer of NMGH, to a new city-wide organisation, could have on other hospitals in the North East Sector needed to be fully assessed and any resulting risks to the stability of clinical services needed to be appropriately managed.

The Board was informed that there would be a significant impact on Oldham, as residents currently use Manchester hospital services. It was understood that developments in Oldham would also have an impact on Manchester.

RESOLVED that:

1. The report be noted
2. Sir Jonathan Michael or another senior member should be invited to present their proposals to a future meeting of the Board
3. That a further update would be provided to a future meeting

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 4.05 pm

Minutes

UNITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

28 June 2016

Members' Meeting Room - Civic Centre, Oldham, OL1 1NL

5.30 pm

Present:

Councillors Dean and Jabbar (Chair)	
Emma Alexander	Business Services Director, Kier
Helen Gerling	Interim Director of Commercial and Transformational Services
Helen Lockwood	Executive Director Economy, Skills & Neighbourhoods
Simon Miller	Service Delivery Director, Unity Partnership
Pam Siddall	Head of Revenues and Benefits, Unity Partnership
Fran Stanning	Customer Development Manager
Sian Walter-Browne	Constitutional Services
Dale Wood	Partnership Director, Unity Partnership

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed Helen Lockwood to the Board and welcomed back Emma Alexander, in her new role.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor McCann, Councillor Stretton, Councillor Sykes, Janet Horton, John Sillitoe, and Carolyn Wilkins.

2 Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

There were no matters arising.

3 Management Update Report

Consideration was given to a report of the Unity Management Team which informed the Board of the progress made.

The following points were highlighted:

A new customer had been acquired from outside the Borough.

Highways – £750,000 additional funding had been brought in to address flood related damage and issues. The service was looking to expand its scope of work.

Property – the key focus was on the Work Plan and finding a way forward. A new team leader had been appointed.

Revenues – increased performance had brought in an extra £1.2m.

Members sought and received clarification on where Oldham was now in terms of comparative performance. National statistics were not yet available and the Council was much higher up the AGMA table.

Members noted this significant achievement and recorded their thanks to the team for all the good work they had done.

Benefits – the focus was on having the new system fully ready to replace Agilysis

Finance – the major project to replace cheque payments with BACS was highlighted.

Members sought and received clarification on the question of security surrounding electronic payments

Contact Centre – the number of calls had increased, particularly with regard to the referendum and the proposed changes to waste collection. The service was still meeting its aspirational targets.

HR – the achievements of the service were noted and Members sought clarification as to why schools were so dissatisfied with the payroll service.

The Board was informed there had been ongoing meetings, however the current system did not generate all the reports schools required. A new release was expected that should address many of the issues and this would be thoroughly tested before it was released to schools. The current release date was projected to be in August 2016 and there was a need to positively manage the relationship with schools to ensure they had confidence in the system.

ICT – members requested an update on the Members Enquiry System due to be put in place to track member queries and ensure they were responded to. The system was expected to be live before the end of July and would be capable of performance monitoring. The Board was informed that there would be training for members, District officers and Unity officers. Three Councillors would test the system and it would be rolled out ward by ward.

The Board noted that staff would need to understand the importance of providing adequate and timely responses, and Members would be encouraged to make enquiries via this system and not by-pass it.

The Board requested a review of the performance of the Member Enquiry System after the first month of operation, with a report back to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board sought and received clarification on the processes followed when Members' email ceased to work. It was accepted that it was vital the Members and Senior Officers were aware of issues and could deal with them quickly. The particular issue referred to would be investigated and an appropriate remedy put in place.

KPI Performance – it was noted that many aspirational targets had been achieved.

The Board:

- 1. Noted the Management Update report**
- 2. Requested a review of the performance of the Member Enquiry System after the first month of operation, with a report back to the Board at the next meeting**

4 Highways ICT System - Project Update

The Board gave consideration to a report of the Head of Highways and Engineering updating them on the implementation of the new Highways System as requested by the Board at its last meeting.

It was reported that Phase 1 of the project had been completed and that the project was concluding the supplier assessments prior to recommending a preferred system. The projected go-live date for the new system, subject to agreement to funding, was Autumn 2016.

The Board noted the Highways ICT system update.

5 Changes to Contact Centre Opening Hours

The Board gave consideration to a report recommending changes to the Council's Contact Centre opening hours.

It was reported that the Council's Contact Centre delivered through The Unity Partnership handled a significant proportion of the council's telephony contact with residents. Resolving residents' needs was at the core of service delivery.



The Board were informed that an opportunity had been identified to strengthen the customer experience by making better use of resources. It was proposed that the Contact Centre ceased to open on a Saturday morning and resources were re-allocated to when demand was at its highest during the week.

There had been consultation with residents and services, and no major issues had been identified. Comparisons with AGMA showed only one other Council open on a Saturday morning, and they were considering their position on this. The completed EIA showed no disadvantage to any particular group of residents.

No savings were associated with delivering this change and potential Contact Centre savings through greater use of appropriate automation would be explored as part of the Resident First programme. This proposal was focussed on ensuring opening hours reflected the demand for the service and that the available resources were used when demand was at its highest.

The report outlined the case for delivering this change and how it would be communicated.

The Board endorsed the opportunity to improve the Contact Centre customer experience by ceasing to open on a Saturday morning and use available resources when demand was at its highest during Monday-Friday.

6 AOB

The Board noted that current change requests would be emailed to all Board members for their comments.

The Board **DELEGATED** to the Chair the ability to sign off these current requests, subject to him receiving no objections. If there were any objections to a particular request, this would be the subject of a report to the next meeting.

7 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Unity Partnership Board will be held on 12th September 2016 at 5.30pm.

The meeting started at 5.30 pm and ended at 6.55 pm



MioCare Group

[Oldham Care Services Ltd: Oldham Care and Support Ltd: Oldham Care and Support at Home Ltd]

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

11th July 2016

Commercial In Confidence

Present:	Board members Cllr Zahid Chauhan (Chair) Cllr Jenny Harrison (CllrJH) Cllr John F McCann (CllrJMc) Cllr Ginny Alexander (CllrGA) Karl Dean – Managing Director (KD) Mick Ord – Non Executive Board Member (MO)	In attendance Paul Whitehead - Director of Finance and Resources (PW) Diane Taylor – Associate Director LD &MH (DT) June Rainford – Associate Director OPS & COoH (JR) Valerie Perrins – Associate Director QPC (VP) Maggie Kufeldt – OMBC Exec Director acting as shareholder’s advisor to the Board Sarah Southern – Business Admin Manager (Minutes)
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No	Agenda Item	Action
1	Welcome, Introduction, attendees and apologies The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.	
2	Declaration of Interest CllrJMc is a member of the Unity Partnership – JVCo Board and Unity Partnership Ltd - Partnership Board	
3	In Confidence – Section There were no items of business discussed.	
4	Minutes of Last Meeting	

	The minutes of the last Board Meeting held on 9 th May 2016 were agreed as a true record.	
5	<p>Matters Arising and Previous Actions</p> <p>Chair went through the Action Log and it was updated accordingly.</p>	
6	<p>Project – Review of MioCare Group</p> <p>Lucia Stewart, Kier Consultant (LS) and Janice Fryer, V4 Services (JF) joined the meeting and introductions were made.</p> <p>A presentation on the initial findings of the review was given and it was explained that a full report will be issued in the coming weeks.</p> <p>A detailed discussion was held on the presentation and the findings of the review.</p>	
7	<p>MD Update</p> <p>KD gave an update on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLT work plan and there remains a lot of activity for the second half of the year. • The Accountable Care Management Organisation (ACMO) is starting to develop • Currently recruiting for a Quality and Improvement Manager • MioCare held four staff events called ‘Getting in the Know’. • The staff survey, ‘Your View’, was launched at the staff events. <p>The Board noted that good progress was being made.</p>	
8	<p>Employment Initiative</p> <p>KD gave an overview of a proposal to run a 12 month employment initiative called ‘We Do Care’. It will support 2 specific groups of people into paid employment – young people and people with a disability. This will help the company deliver its social objectives as a Community Interest Company (CIC).</p> <p>Board were asked to approve the proposal and an investment of £16,380 from the MioCare Group’s reserves.</p> <p>The Chair stated that he recommended that the Board support this initiative.</p> <p>MK explained that she has strong links at a Greater Manchester level, in developing an employment initiative for the next generation of workers and MioCare would be a good fit to pilot this scheme.</p> <p>CllrJMc asked if there would be any funding available under the pilot scheme.</p> <p>MK explained that a bid for funding is being made to Skills for Care and Health Education England and it is highly likely that these will be successful.</p>	

	<p>CllrJH stated that young people are an area of development and that offering them a career and a pathway is a good idea.</p> <p>AGREED: All board members present agreed to support the employment initiative and the required investment of £16,380.</p>	
9	<p>Payroll Options</p> <p>PW explained to members that Oldham Care and Support (OCS) were notified in May that they would not be transferring onto the Council's new A1 platform and therefore needed to explore alternative options for this provision. These will need to be in place for April 2017.</p> <p>Unity currently provide payroll via 2 platforms, one of which will be retained via the Selima platform. They have offered to transfer all payroll on to Selima however this would</p> <p>PW explained what the alternative payroll options are and these were discussed in more detail.</p> <p>ACTION: It was agreed that a further detailed report will be presented at September's board meeting where a decision will be required on which option should be progressed.</p>	
10	<p>Management Accounts Period 5</p> <p>PW gave an update on the management accounts as they stand at period 5.</p> <p>The performance across MioCare Group shows a positive variance of £93k with an overall surplus of £160k.</p> <p>Oldham Care and Support has to date made a surplus of £155k against a budget of £81k.</p> <p>MioCare Services has made a loss of £22k against a budget of a £30k loss.</p> <p>The management accounts for the year to date remain positive which is largely due to additional income.</p>	
11	<p>Risk Register</p> <p>PW explained that the risk register has been reviewed and several updates have been made since the last meeting in May.</p>	
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>PW informed members that a VAT inspection will be held on the 21st July 2016. Board will be kept updated on the inspection.</p>	

14	Date and Time of next meeting: Monday 12 th September 2016 , 9.30 – 11.30am at Ena Hughes Resource Centre, Failsworth	

Minutes

Oldham Leadership Board

Thursday 22 September 2016, 10 am until 12 noon

Lees Suite, Civic Centre Oldham

Present:

Cllr Jean Stretton	Leader, Oldham Council (Chair)
Carolyn Wilkins	Chief Executive, Oldham Council
Alan Higgins	Oldham Council
Helen Lockwood	Oldham Council
Liz Windsor-Welsh	Action Together
Caroline Drysdale	Pennine Care
Cath Green	First Choice Homes and Chair of Co-ops and Neighbourhoods Cluster
Denise Worth	Greater Manchester Police
Alun Francis	Oldham College
Katie Calvin-Thomas	Pennine Acute
Caroline Drysdale	Pennine Care
Julie Price	Department of Work and Pensions (JCP)
Jeremy Broadbent	Oldham Business Leaders
Jonathan Yates	CAB
Cllr Abdul Jabbar	Deputy Leader, Oldham Council
Cllr Barbara Brownridge	Oldham Council
Cllr Sue Dearden	Oldham Council and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board
Dr Ian Wilkinson	Oldham CCG and Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board
Maggie Kuddefelt	Oldham Council
Cllr John McCann	Oldham Council
Vicky Sugars	Oldham Council
Dr Henry Kippin	Collaborate, London South Bank University

Apologies:

CS Caroline Ball	Greater Manchester Police
Jayne Clarke	Oldham Sixth Form College
Denis Gizzi	Oldham CCG
Cllr Howard Sykes	Oldham Council
Jon Aspinall	Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue
Nisha Bakshi	Probation
Michael McCourt	Pennine Care
Sir David Dalton	Pennine Acute
Dave Benstead	Oldham Business Leaders

1	Minutes and matters arising from meeting on 20 April 2016
	The minutes of the meeting of 21 July 2016 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings.
2	Brexit implications for Oldham
	Carolyn Wilkins, Chief Executive of Oldham Council and Dr Henry Kippin of Collaborate

	<p>introduced the item and provided some context on the meaning behind the voting patterns in Oldham on the EU referendum. This also included some national and regional context and comparisons. It was noted that the Board would focus on the issues that it could influence locally in Oldham rather than the wider economic impact of which the Board and its partners had little/no control.</p> <p>A discussion took place on what the Board considered to be the motives behind the voting patterns. The main points are summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The picture behind voting patterns in Oldham was complicated • Some Board members predicted that Oldham would vote to leave, others did not • The vote tells us that we need to listen to Oldham people more and ask them what they think – this includes public services developing a better system for engaging with communities. • The vote reflected a wide distrust in politics, the establishment, the metropolitan elite and also the media • Oldham did not see a rise in community tension but this was due to Oldham already having sophisticated mechanisms for monitoring tension in the borough • Misinformation played a role in the people’s voting patterns - for example there were rumors that non-EU immigrants could benefit from a Brexit vote. • There was a link between skill levels and voting patterns – with those less skilled more likely to vote leave and this was cross generational and reflects a trend of lower skilled people feeling less valued and part of the system both in Oldham and nationally. This reflects a wider need to value vocational paths as much as academic ones. • Some business people in Oldham voted to leave due to regulations and systems and needed to be engaged. • There could be an opportunity for Brexit in growing Oldham’s manufacturing capabilities • Brexit reflected the need for Oldham and its partners to continue to grow positive relationships with all communities. • We need to focus on the basics and the reality for people living in Oldham and do our best to ensure they feel they are part of a local system. • The partnership needed to focus on trust and honest messaging • Local intelligence via CAB illustrated that there were cases where EU nationals had been refused employment due to Brexit.
	<p>AGREED/ACTION</p> <p>In short, the Board broadly agreed that the following areas were required as a Partnership response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An honest system wide engagement strategy across Oldham and its partners that ensured that Oldham people were genuinely engaged and listened to - and asked their views on what matters to them. 2. An Oldham skills system that gives vocational qualifications the same status as academic paths – and is promoted throughout the Oldham system (e.g celebrate BTEC results as much as GCSE results).

3	Jam and Justice
	<p>Dr Carolyn Wilkins, Chief Executive of Oldham Council, presented the item on Jam and Justice which is a social justice project that looks to link public institutions better with citizens – particularly in the context of devolution.</p> <p>Carolyn noted Oldham had the opportunity to be a real leader, both at GM and nationally in ensuring social justice and real system wide citizen engagement and co-production.</p> <p>A discussion also took place on how this links with Oldham’s GM role and Cllr Jean Stretton’s role as the lead for Inclusive Growth. Cllr Stretton commented on what she needed for the Board to carry out her role at GM which included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence and information from Board members on what works/does not work for Oldham at GM • More good stories and practice of what we are good at to relay to GM. • Evidence of a clear investment case for Oldham – both physical and in people. <p>A comment was also made regarding how we might develop an Inclusive Growth Strategy of some kind for GM – led by Oldham that considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in people (social investment) as a worthy economic investment in itself • Investment in people to find solutions (engagement) • Person centred investment – how does it feel throughout the system.
	<p>AGREED/ACTION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board members were encouraged to link into the Jam and Justice project at Greater Manchester. 2. That the Board looks at Inclusive Growth as a work strand that Oldham could lead on and inform at GM.
4	Co-operative 5 Year Forward View and Your Oldham
	<p>Dr Henry Kippin introduced the Co-operative 5 Year Forward View which brings together many of the points raised above and will inform what we need to do as a partnership (and a system) in Oldham over the next 5 years. This will ultimately lead to a refresh of the Oldham Plan.</p> <p>In terms of partnership/system priorities Board members said that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All organisations operating in Oldham need to align to the refreshed Oldham Plan in order to work as a system (the Oldham Plan in turn needs to be aligned to GM ambitions) and to realise our collective potential as anchor institutions. • The Oldham Leadership Board needs to strengthen the work between the clusters and other partnerships to better operate as a system – as currently still operates in siloes (e.g through making progress on issues like the health economy where there is clear overlap). • Our system engagement is essential – we need residents to inform the system and the focus for the next 5 years. • The thriving communities programme is essential to the Partnerships success but we need to truly invest in this as a partnership – both in time and the resources we commit.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The skills gap and tackling low achievement – has to be a pillar of our strategy and inclusive growth - ‘why fit in when you can stand out’ • We need to consider the top 3 flagship areas we can commit to as a Partnership that is going to achieve the best results for Oldham <p>In addition, Jenni Barker, Strategy, Policy and Partnerships Manager, Oldham Council introduced Your Oldham which will look to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate what has been achieved so far as a co-operative council and borough • Recognise and appreciate the hard work of residents, members and employees who ‘do their bit’ and • Consider what comes next in our co-operative journey – having a clear vision and strategy for a co-operative borough. <p>This will be a programme of engagement and events that will run from September through to May next year.</p> <p>Board members welcomed Your Oldham and the opportunity this gave for Oldham to create a new dialogue with residents and inform its work as a Partnership going forward.</p>
	AGREED/ACTION
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the comments above be further developed into a paper be taken to the November meeting that moves this into a new Co-operative Oldham Plan for the next 5 years. 2. That Your Oldham briefing packs be circulated to members of the Oldham Leadership Board for further distribution 3. That partners promote Your Oldham through social media and other communications activity.
5	Greater Manchester Update
	Cllr Jean Stretton introduced the Greater Manchester update which was noted by the Board.
	AGREED/ACTION
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Greater Manchester update report was noted
	Date of next meeting
	17 November 2016, 10am until 12noon, Crompton Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE, HELD ON 15 JULY 2016 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

PRESENT

Councillor David Chadwick	Bolton
Councillor Guy Harkin	Bolton
Councillor Noel Bayley	Bury
Councillor Jamie Walker	Bury
Councillor Andrew Fender	Manchester (in the Chair)
Councillor Naeem Hassan	Manchester
Councillor Dzidra Noor	Manchester
Councillor Chris Paul	Manchester
Councillor Norman Briggs	Oldham
Councillor Phil Burke	Rochdale
Councillor Ian Duckworth	Rochdale
Councillor Shah Wazir	Rochdale
Councillor Robin Garrido	Salford
Councillor Roger Jones	Salford
Councillor Geoff Abell	Stockport
Councillor Annette Finnie	Stockport
Councillor Tom Grundy	Stockport
Councillor John Taylor	Stockport
Councillor Warren Bray	Tameside
Councillor Doreen Dickinson	Tameside
Councillor Peter Robinson	Tameside
Councillor David Hopps	Trafford
Councillor June Reilly	Trafford
Councillor Mark Aldred	Wigan
Councillor James Grundy	Wigan
Councillor Lynne Holland	Wigan
Councillor Eunice Smethurst	Wigan

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jon Lamonte	Chief Executive, TfGM
Steve Warrener	Finance and Corporate Services Director, TfGM
Rod Fawcett	TfGM
Paul Harris	GMIST

TfGMC16/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Azra Ali (Manchester), Michael Cordingley (Trafford), Stuart Haslam (Bolton), Howard Sykes (Oldham) and Barry Warner (Salford).

TfGMC16/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by any Member of the Committee in relation to any item on the agenda.

TfGMC16/26 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

a. Members Photograph

Members were reminded that at the rise of the meeting the annual TfGMC Member photograph would be taken.

b. Training

Members noted that after the meeting a Members briefing was to take place.

c. GMATL

Directors of GMATL noted that a meeting of the GMATL Board would take place after the meeting.

TfGMC16/27 MINUTES

The Minutes of the TfGMC Annual and Ordinary meetings, held on 10 June 2016 were submitted.

Resolved/-

1. To note the minutes of the Annual TfGMC meeting held on 10 June 2016, and the inclusion of Councillor James Gundy in the list of apologies.
2. To approve the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the TfGMC held on 10 June 2016, subject to the inclusion of Councillor James Gundy in the list of apologies.

TfGMC16/28 MINUTES FROM SUB COMMITTEES

a. Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee – 24 June 2016

The Minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee meeting, held on 24 June 2016 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To note the Minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee meeting held on 24 June 2016.

b. Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee – 24 June 2016

The Minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting held on 24 June 2016 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To note the Minutes of the proceedings of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting held on 24 June 2016.

c. Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee – 8 July 2016

The Minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee meeting, held on 8 July 2016 were submitted.

Members noted the Bus Hailer initiative. Examples of publicity for this initiative were shared with Members.

Resolved/-

To note the Minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee meeting held on 8 July 2016.

TfGMC16/29 FORWARD LOOK

Members received a report which presented them with a Forward Look of key work streams requiring decisions from the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee over the next four months. The report also set out those significant elements of the Committee's work programme, where further updates on progress and activity were anticipated over a longer time period.

Resolved/-

To note the Forward Look.

Section 2

TfGMC Recommendations for Consideration by GMCA

TfGMC16/30 2016-2017 POLICY PRIORITIES

Members considered a report highlighted the policy priorities that the Committee would recommend to Greater Manchester Combined Authority to adopt for the forthcoming year. The report also provided a summary on the progress made on achieving priorities over the past year.

With regard to the four key aims for Greater Manchester as set out at section 3.2 to the report, a Member suggested that active travel should be promoted alongside other public transport modes.

Resolved/-

1. To note the transport policy priorities as set out in Section 3 to the report and the request of Members to consider and promote active travel activities to help deliver the priorities.
2. To agree that the transport policy priorities as set out in Section 3 to the report and appended to these minutes, be submitted for approval to the GMCA on 29 July 2016.

Section 3

Items for Resolution by TfGMC

TfGMC16/31 EUROPEAN MUNICIPAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITIES BAROMETER REPORT

A report was presented which introduced the 2014 European Municipal Transport Authorities (EMTA) Barometer which provides standard benchmarking information between European metropolitan authorities.

Following a comment from a Member that the report compared the city of Manchester with city regions in other European municipal areas, officers undertook to explore how such data could be equalised in future reports.

Resolved/-

To note the EMTA Barometer report.

TfGMC16/32 YEAR 3 REVIEW OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER ROAD ACTIVITY PERMIT SCHEME

Members received a report which updated them on the year 3 operation of the Greater Manchester Road Activity Permit Scheme (GMRAPS), including a financial update. Members also considered the proposed year three report which was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

In welcoming the report, a Member thanked officers for their work in working with districts and improving the quality of reinstatement works.

Resolved/-

1. To note the update on the year three operation of the GMRAPS.
2. To note and endorse the financial review and forecasts as set out in the report.
3. To approve the publication of the year three report, set out as an appendix to the report, by the end of July 2016.
4. To endorse the view that, based upon the financial update set out in Section 2 to the report, that no amendments to the existing scheme were required during year four of GMRAPS operation.

Section 4
Item for Information

TfGMC16/33 GM LOW EMISSIONS STRATEGY AND AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the outcome of the Low Emissions Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan consultation and sought the approval from Members to publish the Action Plan.

A Member highlighted that consultations on planning applications for housing developments should give consideration air quality, particularly on proposed sites close to the outer ring road. Members noted that the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework was being developed which would look at the re-designation of sites in Greater Manchester.

A Member suggested that transport infrastructure should be included as a part of any housing development scheme.

Following an enquiry from a Member, it was noted that the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) produces data on air quality monitoring on a national level.

A Member noted that not all air pollution from vehicles were from exhaust gases. Brakes and tyres also contributed and noted that road washing would help to reduce these elements in the air.

With regard to Active Travel, officers noted that Greater Manchester had the largest investment in cycling schemes outside of London. A Member noted that funding for Greater Manchester was 10% of that which is taking place in London.

Resolved/-

To note the report and that a further report was to be submitted to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority on 29 July 2016.

TfGMC16/34 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved/-

To agree that, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 1, 2 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Part B

Section 5 Items for Resolution by TfGMC

TfGMC16/35 PROPERTY DISPOSALS

Members considered a report which sought their approval of the disposal of land at Foundry Street, Oldham, Manchester Road, Droylsden and Linfield Street, Manchester. Consideration was also given to a request to grant delegated authority to TfGM to enter in to a Joint Venture with those partners set out in the report, in relation to the Mayfield development scheme.

Resolved/-

1. To approve the land disposals at Foundry Street, Oldham, Manchester Road Droylsden and Linfield Street, Manchester, as per the terms set out in the report.
2. To agree to grant delegated authority to the Head of the Paid Service, GMCA and the Chief Executive of TfGM, to enter in to a Joint Venture with those partners identified in the report with regard to the Mayfield development scheme.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
AUTHORITY (AGM)**

HELD ON 23rd JUNE 2016

Present:

Councillor David Acton (Chairman), Councillor Tommy Judge (Vice-Chairman), Councillor John Bell (Deputy Chairman), Mohammed Ayub, Walter Brett, Stephen Coen, Basil Curley, Jim Dawson, Grace Fletcher-Hackwood, Chris Goodwin, Joan Grimshaw, Daniel Hawthorne, Derek Heffernan, June Hitchen, Barrie Holland, Mike Hurleston, Jan Jackson, Afia Kamal, Iain Lindley, Alan Matthews, Amna Mir, John O'Brien, Shaun O'Neill, Brian Rigby, Noel Spencer, Fred Walker, Paul Wild, Steve Williams and Michael Whetton

Also in Attendance: Peter O'Reilly (County Fire Officer and Chief Executive), Paul Argyle (Deputy County Fire Officer), Tony Clarke (Assistant Director - Finance, Wigan Council), Geoff Harris (Director of Prevention and Protection), Andrea Heffernan (Director of Corporate Support), Dave Keelan (Director of Emergency Response), Gwynne Williams (Deputy Clerk and Authority Solicitor), Shelley Wright (Director of Corporate Communications), Ben Levy (Rostering Projects Manager) and Donna Parker (Democratic Services Manager)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 2016/17

The Clerk invited nominations for the appointment of Chairman of the Authority for the municipal year 2016/17.

Councillor David Acton having been so nominated, it was:

Resolved: That Councillor David Acton be appointed Chairman of the Authority for 2016/17.

Councillor David Acton thereupon took the Chair.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2016/17

The Chairman invited nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Authority for the municipal year 2016/17.

Councillor Tommy Judge having been so nominated, it was:

Resolved: That Councillor Tommy Judge be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Authority for 2016/17.

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN 2016/17

The Chairman invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Chairman of the Authority for the municipal year 2016/17.

Councillor John Bell having been so nominated, it was:

Resolved: That Councillor John Bell be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Authority for 2016/17.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Shaun O'Neill declared a Discloseable Pecuniary Interest in 'Minute 20 - Options and Proposals for Implementation of a Revised Shift Duty System' by virtue of receiving sponsorship from the Fire Brigades Union. He did not participate in any discussion or vote thereon.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor James Grundy.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st April 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

There were no items of urgent business submitted.

8. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Chairman advised Members that the meeting of the Fire Authority was going to be 'live streamed' and would be available to the public via YouTube to watch either live or retrospectively.
2. The Chairman welcomed Councillors Chris Goodwin, Joan Grimshaw, Mike Hurleston, Janet Jackson, Noel Spencer and Peter Taylor to their first meeting of the Authority and thanked former Councillors Sharon Briggs, Lynda Byrne, Jim Dawson, Jim Ellis, Bernard Judge, Michael Smith and John Wright for their contribution to the work of the Authority over the years.
3. The Chairman advised that the following 9 fire stations were being used as Polling Stations in the EU Referendum on 23rd June 2016:-
 - Agecroft (Salford)
 - Broughton (Salford)
 - Hindley (Wigan)
 - Heywood (Rochdale)

- Leigh (Wigan)
- Littleborough (Rochdale)
- Rochdale (Rochdale)
- Offerton (Stockport)
- Stalybridge (Tameside)

4. The Chairman advised that a 'Member Visit to the New Operational and Community Safety Training Centre' in Bury would be taking place on Friday 29th July 2016 commencing at 1.00am till approx. 2.00pm. The visit had been arranged to allow Members to view the progress at the site prior to handover in October 2016. A minibus would be available from FSHQ at 12.30pm to take Members to Bury if they so wished. It would be appreciated if Members could confirm their attendance to Donna Parker, Democratic Services Manager
5. The Chairman invited all Members along with their friends and families to attend the annual Emergency Services Open Day on Thursday 4th August 2016 at 11.00am at the Trafford Centre outside the Orient. Further information would be available nearer the time.
6. The Chairman reminded all Members to complete their Declaration of Interest Forms and return them to Donna Parker, Democratic Services Manager.

9. QUESTIONS (IF ANY) UNDER STANDING ORDER 7

There were no questions submitted.

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the meeting when the following item is considered for the reason set out below:

Agenda Item No.	Title	Minute No.	Description of Exempt Information by reference to the paragraph number(s) in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
E.1	Potential Relocation of Fire Service Headquarters and Training and Development Centre: Paper 2	26.	3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))

11. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2016/17

Consideration was given to a report of the Clerk which sought approval of the Terms of Reference and Delegation of Powers to Committees and to appoint Members to the Authority's Committees/Panel for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

Resolved: That:

1. The Terms of Reference/Delegations to Committees and Panels for the 2016/17 municipal year, as detailed at Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
2. The Timetable of Meetings for the 2016/17 municipal year, as detailed at Appendix 3 of the report, be noted.
3. The Authority's Committees be constituted for the 2016/17 municipal year as detailed below:-

Committee	Membership 2016/17
Service Delivery Committee (15 Members)	Councillor John O'Brien (Chairman), Grace Fletcher-Hackwood (Vice-Chairman), Councillors David Acton, John Bell, Daniel Hawthorne, Michael Hurleston, Janet Jackson, Afia Kamal, Iain Lindley, Amna Mir, Shaun O'Neill, Peter Taylor, Fred Walker, Michael Whetton and Steve Williams
Policy, Resources and Performance Committee (15 Members)	Councillor David Acton (Chairman), Tommy Judge (Vice-Chairman), Councillors John Bell, Walter Brett, Stephen Coen, Basil Curley, Joan Grimshaw, James Grundy, Barrie Holland, Derek Heffernan, June Hitchen, John O'Brien, Brian Rigby, Fred Walker, and Paul Wild
Collaboration and Integration Panel (10 Members plus Chairman of the Authority)	Councillor David Acton (Chairman), Councillor Barrie Holland (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Mohammed Ayub, John Bell, Chris Goodwin, Daniel Hawthorne, Tommy Judge, Alan Matthews, Shaun O'Neill, Peter Taylor and Brian Rigby
Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee (Standing Order 27 Suspended) (9 Members)	Councillor Michael Whetton (Chairman) Derek Heffernan (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Walter Brett, June Hitchen, Barrie Holland, Joan Grimshaw, Alan Matthews, Noel Spencer and Paul Wild;

	Lisa Hindle and Francis Walsh (Independent Members)
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12. AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP 2016/17 AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT, SCRUTINY & STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND THE INDEPENDENT PERSON

The Authority noted a report of the Clerk giving details of notifications of changes of membership which had been received from district councils for the 2016/17 municipal year.

In addition approval was sought to the continuation of the appointment of the current two Independent Members of the Authority's Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee and Independent Person for a further year.

Resolved: That all changes having taken effect by 19th June 2016 the Authority's Membership for the 2016/17 municipal year was now as follows:-

BOLTON	Councillor Mohammed Ayub	Labour
	Councillor Noel Spencer	Labour
	Councillor Paul Wild	Conservative
BURY	Councillor Alan Matthews	Labour
	Councillor Joan Grimshaw	Labour
MANCHESTER	Councillor Basil Curley	Labour
	Councillor Grace Fletcher-Hackwood	Labour
	Councillor June Hitchen	Labour
	Councillor Tommy Judge	Labour
	Councillor Afia Kamal	Labour
OLDHAM	Councillor Derek Heffernan	Liberal Democrat
	Councillor Chris Goodwin	Labour
	Councillor Steve Williams	Labour
ROCHDALE	Councillor Amna Mir	Labour
	Councillor Shaun O'Neill	Labour
SALFORD	Councillor Stephen Coen	Labour
	Councillor Peter Taylor	Labour
	Councillor Iain Lindley	Conservative
STOCKPORT	Councillor Walter Brett	Labour
	Councillor Daniel Hawthorne	Liberal Democrat
	Councillor Michael Hurleston	Conservative
TAMESIDE	Councillor John Bell	Conservative
	Councillor Barrie Holland	Labour
	Councillor Janet Jackson	Labour

TRAFFORD	Councillor David Acton Councillor Brian Rigby Councillor Michael Whetton	Labour Conservative Conservative
WIGAN	Councillor James Grundy Councillor John O'Brien Councillor Fred Walker	Conservative Labour Labour

- The appointment of Mr J. Stone as Independent Person be extended for a further year.
- The appointment of Mr F. Walsh and Ms L. Hindle as Independent Members of the Authority's Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee be extended for a further year.

13. GMFRA APPOINTMENTS 2016/17

The Clerk submitted a report requesting the Authority to nominate Members to serve as Trustee of Greater Manchester Fire Service Museum Trust and on the Pension Board – Firefighters' Pension Scheme for the 2016/17 municipal year.

Resolved: That Members be nominated to serve for the 2016/17 municipal year as follows:

Appointment	Membership 2016/17
Trustee of the Greater Fire Service Museum Trust	Councillor Shaun O'Neill Councillor Amna Mir (Substitute)
Pension Board – Firefighters' Pension Scheme	Chairman of the Authority

14. NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS 2016/17

The Clerk submitted a report requesting the Authority to consider, pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985, the appointment of a Member of each constituent council to answer on behalf of the Authority questions raised during the course of meetings of their councils in relation to the discharge of the functions of the Authority.

Resolved: That Members be nominated for the purpose of Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 for the 2016/17 municipal year as follows:-

Bolton	Councillor Mohammed Ayub
Bury	Councillor Alan Matthews
Manchester	Councillor Tommy Judge
Oldham	Councillor Steve Williams

Rochdale	Councillor Shaun O'Neill
Salford	Councillor Stephen Coen
Stockport	Councillor Walter Brett
Tameside	Councillor Barrie Holland
Trafford	Councillor David Acton
Wigan	Councillor Fred Walker

15. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2016/17

The Clerk submitted a report requesting the Authority to determine its representation on outside bodies for the 2016/17 municipal year.

Resolved: That Members be appointed to represent the Authority on outside bodies for the 2016/17 municipal year as follows:-

Outside Body	Representation 2016/17
LGA Fire Commission	Chairman of the Authority Vice-Chairman of the Authority Leader of the Opposition
LGA Annual Assembly	Fire Commission representatives (Chairman authorised to cast the Authority's vote)
North West Fire Forum	Chairman of the Authority Vice-Chairman of the Authority Leader of the Opposition
Directors of the North West Fire Control Limited	Chairman of the Authority Councillor Fred Walker (Councillor Steve Williams - Substitute)
North West Employers	Councillor Fred Walker
AGMA Executive Board	Chairman of the Authority (or Deputy)
Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMAC)	Chairman of the Authority (or Deputy)
Association of Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities (AMFRA)	Chairman of the Authority Vice-Chairman of the Authority (Councillor Basil Curley - Substitute)
Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisations (GMCVO)	Councillor Grace Fletcher-Hackwood

16. MEMBER CHAMPION APPOINTMENTS 2016/17

The Clerk submitted a report which requested the Authority to nominate Members to serve as Member Champions for the 2016/17 municipal year.

The Member Champion subject areas had been reviewed and updated in line with GMFRS's main priorities for the 2016/17 Municipal Year. The changes included renaming the Member Champion subject areas for Community Risk Intervention Teams, Sprinklers, Road Safety and Health and Safety to fall in line with the Prevention and Protection Directorate's main priorities, namely:

- Member Champion for Fire Protection
- Member Champion for Public Service Reform
- Member Champion for Community Safety

The Member Champion subject area for Efficiency, Savings and Sustainability had been renamed Member Champion for Efficiency, Savings, Sustainability and Excellence to include the development of an Excellence Strategy.

The Chairman requested Members to provide expressions of interest to fill these positions on a cross-party basis.

Resolved: That:

1. The following Members be appointed to serve as Member Champions to the following subject areas for the 2016/17 municipal year:

Member Champion for Absence Management: Councillor Barrie Holland
Member Champion for Children and Young People: Councillors June Hitchen and Steve Williams

Member Champion for Efficiency Savings, Sustainability and Excellence: Councillor June Hitchen

Member Champion for Inclusivity: Councillor Amna Mir

Member Champion for North West Fire Control: Councillors Steve Williams and Fred Walker

Member Champions for Member Development: Councillors John Bell and Grace Fletcher-Hackwood

Member Champion for Community Relations: Councillor Grace Fletcher-Hackwood

Member Champion for Volunteering: Councillor Steve Williams

Member Champion for Employee Engagement and Organisation Development: Councillor Fred Walker

Member Champion for Fire Protection: Councillor John O'Brien

Member Champion for Public Sector Reform: Councillor Tommy Judge

Member Champion for Community Safety: Councillor Shaun O'Neill

2. The revised Member Champion Terms of Reference as detailed in Appendix A of the report, be noted.

17. COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS: TO NOTE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES (APPROVED BY POLICY STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS ON 26TH MAY 2016) AS FOLLOWS: MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY, 28TH APRIL 2016 OF AUDIT, SCRUTINY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee held on 28th April 2016 (approved by Policy Standing Sub-Committee under delegated powers on 26th May 2016) were submitted (Appendix 1).

Resolved: That the proceedings of the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee held on 26th May 2016, be noted.

18. MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY, 26 MAY 2016 OF POLICY, RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy, Resources and Performance Committee held on 26th May 2016 (approved by Policy Standing Sub-Committee under delegated powers on 26th May 2016) were submitted (Appendix 2).

Resolved: That the proceedings of the Policy, Resources and Performance Committee held on 26th May 2016, be noted.

19. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT - 2015/16

Consideration was given to a report of the Treasurer which presented the Treasury Management Annual Report 2015/16. The report outlined the Authority's Treasury Management Practices and provided actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2015/16 which showed that the interest on investments had exceeded the targets by £61k. The report met the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the prudential code).

Resolved: That the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2015/16 be accepted.

20. OPTIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A REVISED SHIFT DUTY SYSTEM

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which detailed the background, options considered and proposals for a revised wholtime firefighters' duty system within GMFRS and sought approval of the preferred option.

The report explored the potential benefits of three options and any foreseeable issues based on a wide reaching study of potential duty systems, these included:-

- Option One: Retain the existing shift duty system
- Option Two: Implement an eight hour shift duty system
- Option Three: Implement a 12 hour shift duty system

Members were advised that Option One was not a viable option to deliver the needs of the public and the Service and as a result did not feature in any negotiation process. Option Two was offered for negotiation however following initial discussions with the trade union, as an option for consideration with the agreement of the Chairman of the Authority, this option did not feature in any negotiation process and was 'parked'. Option Three was the only option subject to formal negotiation with the trade union and was the option that was recommended to Members as the most favourable duty system.

Members had a detailed discussion on the preferred Option and raised a number of questions and queries that were answered by Officers accordingly.

The Chairman gave Les Skarratts the Fire Bridges Union Regional Secretary the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Fire Brigades Union representatives.

On being put to the vote 27 Members voted in favour of Option 3 the preferred option, and there were no votes against the proposal.

Resolved: That:

1. The content of the report and comments raised, be noted.
2. Option 3 the implementation of a 12 hour shift duty system as detailed within the report, be approved.

21. CORPORATE AND INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2016/20

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which presented and sought approval of the Service's Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20.

Members were reminded that the content of the draft Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20 was considered at a meeting of the Authority on 11th February 2016 (Minute 78 refers). Following internal and external consultation the final Plan had been graphically designed and amended without significant revision to the content.

The formal consultation of the draft Plan took place over a 12 week period between the 11th February and 5th May 2016 and a full consultation feedback report had been produced outlining all the feedback received during the formal consultation period and was detailed at Appendix B of the report. Following the consultation process a number of changes were made to the Plan which included a new section being included in the Executive Summary

regarding the consultation, the demand curve references within the document had been amended and all specific times had been removed, the Efficiency Plan had been updated to reflect the changes in line with the rostering proposals paper, and an additional section had been included to the Response standards page and Development Goals had been included in the Plan.

Members had a detailed discussion on the content of the finalised Corporate and Integrated Risk Plan 2016/20 with specific reference to the challenges ahead that included further budget savings, resilience and ensuring that there was capacity to deploy the correct resources when required and recruiting 24 new firefighters a year that reflect the communities within Greater Manchester.

The Chairman on behalf of the Authority took the opportunity to thank the Deputy County Fire Officer and his team for all their hard-work and commitment in producing the Service's Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20.

Resolved: That:

1. The content of the report and comments raised, be noted.
2. The changes to the Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20, as detailed at paragraphs 13 to 17 of the report, be noted.
3. The Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20, as detailed at Appendix A of the report, be approved.
4. The Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20 be published on the GMFRA website and used for external communications.

22. QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2015/16

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which presented and sought approval of the Service's Quarter 4 Performance against the development and delivery goals contained within the 2015/18 Integrated Risk Management / Corporate Plan.

It was reported that GMFRS recorded 2600 fires in Quarter 4 that was 280 above the quarterly target and the volume was 7% higher than the same period in 2014/15. There were a total of 2380 special service calls which represented an increase of 1434 when compared to the same period last year and a detailed breakdown of special service calls was circulated, as requested at the last meeting of the Authority. There were 2997 false alarms recorded in Quarter 4 which represented an increase of circa 9% when compared to the same period in 2014/15. Sadly there had also been 8 fire related fatalities.

Members were reminded that a number of storms had been experienced over Quarter 4, which included Storm Gertrude in January, Storm Henry in February and Storm Jake in March and as the weather improved during February and March the volumes of deliberate fires also increased that was a trend seen year on year.

Members were advised that the summary of progress against Quarter 4 scheduled activities from the directorate plans was detailed at Appendix A of the report. An overview of Quarter 4 performance against the Service's key performance indicators (KPIs) and targets approved by the Authority on 23rd April 2015 (Minute 101 refers) was detailed at Appendix B of the report. Performance in Quarter 1 to 4 was detailed at Appendix C of the report, with Quarters 1, 2 and 3 having previously been reviewed at the Authority meetings on 3rd September (Minute 37 refers), 3rd December 2015 (Minute 67 refers) and 21st April 2016 (Minute 91 refers) respectively. A view of historical incident trends was detailed at Appendix D of the report.

Members welcomed the informative report and raised a number of comments and questions relating to the reduction in the number of injuries from fires, the reporting of firefighter hostilities, the number of deliberate secondary fires relating to loose refuse and wheelie bins including the work taking place with local authorities to reduce the risk and the spike in fires in 'public admin; security and safety category' and how work was ongoing with prisoners at HMP Forest Bank to educate them on the consequences of fire.

Councillor June Hitchen made reference to the number of Safe and Well visits which had taken place across Greater Manchester in Quarter 4 and requested that this information was broken down by conurbation in future reports. She also requested further information on 'Service Development Goal DV30 – Develop and provide pathways which help improve people's prospects within employment, education and training' with regard to GMFRS apprenticeship levy for 2016/17. In response, the Director of Prevention and Protection advised that guidance was still outstanding and a report providing further information would be submitted to a future meeting.

In addition, Councillor June Hitchen made reference to the reduction in the carbon footprint and requested that in future reports the Officers determine the contribution made by spending locally.

Resolved: That:

1. The content of the report and comments raised, be noted.
2. The Quarter 4 Performance against the development and delivery goals contained within the 2015/18 Integrated Risk Management / Corporate Plan, as detailed at Appendix A and B of the report, be approved.
3. The content of the Key Performance Indicators Framework, as detailed in Appendix C of the report, be noted.

4. The Historical Trend graphs, as detailed in Appendix D of the report, be noted.
5. The number of Safe and Well Visits, as detailed in paragraph 24 of the report, be broken down by conurbation in future performance reports.
6. The contribution towards the reduction of GMFRS Carbon Footprint by local spend, as detailed in paragraphs 55 to 58 of the report, be determined and outlined in future performance reports and sustainability reports submitted to meetings of the Policy, Resources and Performance Committee.

23. CHIEF OFFICER'S ACTIVITY REPORT - QUARTER 4 (1ST JANUARY TO 31ST MARCH 2016)

(Councillor David Action, Chairman, left the meeting at this point of the proceedings and Councillor Tommy Judge, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair for this item onwards)

The County Fire Officer and Chief Executive presented the 'Chief's Activity Report' for Quarter 4 2015/16 – 1st January to 31st March 2016, for Members' information and comments. The report provided Members with information on the wide ranging activities which had taken place across the Boroughs during this period and also provided an update on the following subject matters:-

- General News;
- Operational Incidents;
- Service Delivery;
- Prevention and Protection;
- Communications and Engagement.

Members had a detailed discussion on the content of the report and the activity which had taken place across the Service in Quarter 4. Councillor Steve Williams took the opportunity to congratulate the 'Oldham Blazing Saddles' on their 1300 miles fund raising bike ride across Europe, which had raised over £22,000 for the various charities. The team arrived back at Oldham Fire Station on Saturday 11th June 2016 and was welcomed by local press, the Mayor of Oldham Council, Fire Authority Members, family, friends and colleagues.

Resolved: That the 'Chief's Activity Report' for Quarter 4 2015/16 – 1st January to 31st March 2016 and comments raised, be noted.

24. PLACE BASED INTEGRATION REPORT OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

The County Fire Officer and Chief Executive advised that Donna Hall, Clerk to the Authority had requested at the last meeting of the Authority held on 21st April (Minute 91 refers) that a report on 'Place-Based Integration' that was considered by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Public Sector

Reform Leadership Group on 8th January 2016 was also presented to the meeting of the Authority, for information.

The report provided an overview and lessons learnt from the place-based integration work that had taken place in Wigan and provided an update on the Greater Manchester Wide Implementation Plan emerging to support future place-based integration work.

Resolved: That the content of the report, be noted.

(Councillor David Acton, Chairman, re-joined the meeting at this point of the proceedings and took over the Chair from Councillor Tommy Judge, Vice-Chairman)

25. POTENTIAL RELOCATION OF FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS AND TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE: PAPER 1

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which detailed the high level costs and benefits that would potentially arise from progressing a project to relocate and combine Fire Service Headquarters (FSHQ), and classroom based elements of the Training and Development Centre (TDC) and sought approval to develop more detailed proposals for consideration prior to potentially commencing a design and construction project.

It was reported that consideration was being given to the potential to combine the current headquarters in Swinton and both the operational and classroom based elements of the training and development centre in Manchester, at the newly constructed GMFRS Training and Safety Centre development located in Bury. Operationally, coalescing onto one site would improve effectiveness by bringing together relevant staff groups and provisional work suggested there may be significant revenue savings to be realised by bringing together support and training facilities and delivering them from one site. There would also be greater potential to rationalise the size of some support functions.

Three options had been considered and Option 3 to build a new headquarters and classroom based training facility with parking at the Bury Training and Safety Centre site was the preferred option. It provided the potential to realise significant long term benefits in the way that the Service was designed, developed and delivered in the future.

Resolved: That Option 3, as detailed in paragraphs 30 to 33 of the report, be explored further with detailed costs and savings identified to be presented to Members for a final decision regarding the rationalisation of FSHQ and TDC onto the Bury site.

26. POTENTIAL RELOCATION OF FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS AND TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE: PAPER 2

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which detailed the high level costs and benefits that would potentially arise from progressing a project to relocate and combine Fire Service Headquarters (FSHQ), and classroom based elements of the Training and Development Centre (TDC) as detailed in Option 3 of the 'Potential Relocation of Fire Service Headquarters and Training and Development Centre: Paper 1' (Minute 25 refers).

Resolved: That:

1. The financial implications, as detailed within the report, and comments raised, be noted.
2. The service of notice to terminate the lease held by Safe Automotive Interiors Ltd, be approved.
3. Policies regarding the payment of additional travelling expenses, on compulsory permanent or temporary moves be revisited with representative bodies.

CHAIRMAN

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
AUTHORITY**

HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER 2016

Present:

Councillor David Acton (Chairman), Councillor Tommy Judge (Vice-Chairman), Councillors John Bell (Deputy Chairman), Mohammed Ayub, Walter Brett, Stephen Coen, Basil Curley, Grace Fletcher-Hackwood, Chris Goodwin, Joan Grimshaw, James Grundy, Daniel Hawthorne, Derek Heffernan, June Hitchen, Mike Hurleston, Afia Kamal, Alan Matthews, John O'Brien, Shaun O'Neill, Brian Rigby, Noel Spencer, Peter Taylor, Fred Walker, Paul Wild and Steve Williams

Also in Attendance: Peter O'Reilly (County Fire Officer and Chief Executive), Donna Hall (Clerk to the Authority, Wigan Council), Paul Argyle (Deputy County Fire Officer), Tony Clarke (Assistant Director - Finance, Wigan Council), Geoff Harris (Director of Prevention and Protection), Andrea Heffernan (Director of Corporate Support), Dave Keelan (Director of Emergency Response), Gwynne Williams (Deputy Clerk and Authority Solicitor), Shelley Wright (Director of Communications and Engagement) and Donna Parker (Democratic Services Manager)

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barrie Holland, Janet Jackson, Iain Lindley, Amna Mir and Michael Whetton.

28. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd June 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

30. URGENT BUSINESS - FIRE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS BUILDING BULLETIN 100 (BB100)

The Chairman advised that he had one item of urgent business titled 'Fire Safety in Schools building Bulletin 100 (BB100)'. The report advised that the Department for Education had published non statutory guidance designed to show how new school buildings could be built in such a way as to reduce the risk of fire and to ensure the safety of pupils, staff and visitors if a fire occurs. The new guidance did not advocate the installation of sprinklers.

The Chairman considered this to be a retrograde step that did not make sense. He advised that sprinklers do not just save lives they also prevent fires

from spreading and causing significant disruption to children's education and was supported by the Chief Fire Officers Association, Teachers and the Local Government Association. It was reported there were more than 600 fires in British schools last year and arson was suspected in 40% of cases. Each large fire caused £1.5M of damage on average, according to insurers, who say sprinklers pay for themselves in lower premiums. Therefore this was a false economy change of policy.

The Chairman recommended that the Authority called on the Government to reconsider their position and reintroduce the guidance to the Building Regulations with regard to the Installation of Fire Sprinkler Systems into new school buildings. Both Councillor John Bell and Councillor Derek Heffernan, Leaders of the Opposition Parties supported the recommendation.

Donna Hall, Clerk to the Authority requested that an additional recommendation was considered to seek support from the 10 Local Authorities in Greater Manchester to take a stronger line for sprinklers in new school buildings. In addition, the Chairman requested that the Lead Spokesperson submit a motion at their home authorities to support these recommendations.

Resolved: That:

1. The Authority call on the Government to reconsider their position and reintroduce the guidance to the Building Regulations with regard to the Installation of Fire Sprinkler Systems into new school buildings.
2. The Authority seek support from the 10 Local Authorities in Greater Manchester to take a stronger line for sprinklers in new school buildings.
3. The Lead Spokesperson submit a motion at their home authorities to support these recommendations.

31. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Chairman advised Members that the meeting of the Fire Authority was going to be 'live streamed' and would be available to the public via YouTube to watch either live or retrospectively.
2. The Chairman advised that a 'Demonstration of Operational and Prevention and Protection Equipment' would be taking place at the rise of the meeting and all Members were encouraged to attend.
3. The Chairman advised that the Manchester Pride Parade had taken place on 27th August 2016 in Manchester City Centre. The event was a great success with an amazing turn-out from GMFRS staff and volunteers including Watches, young people from the Princes Trust Programme, Fire Authority Members and Officers from the Corporate

Leadership Team. The parade also included the events pump, children's fire engine, the firefighter puppet and cracker.

4. The Chairman advised that an Open Day at Eccles Fire Station had taken place on Saturday 3rd September 2016 and that the Rt. Worshipful Ceremonial Mayor of Salford Councillor Karen Garrido along with her consort and Mayoress had attended the event and met with the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive and Area Manager.
5. The Chairman advised that an Open Day at Rochdale Fire Station was due to take place on Saturday 24th September 2016 from 10.00am till 4.00pm and all Members were invited to attend along with their families and friends.
6. The Chairman advised that on the 15th July 2016 the GMFRS rostering team made a request to the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) to jointly seek external assistance on Shift Duty System 12 (SDS12) from the NJC Joint Secretaries, which was accepted by the FBU Brigade Secretary and the process was arranged for the 30th and 31st August 2016. On 30th August 2016 the rostering team met with NJC Joint Secretaries in Manchester and sought their assistance to reach agreement on SDS12. Unfortunately the rostering team was unable to make any progress to reach any amended position on the SDS12 proposal with the FBU and at 3.00pm on 30th August 2016 the process was exhausted. The rostering team continued with their implementation plan for SDS12 and had also jointly written with the FBU to the NJC Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) for further assistance on SDS12.

32. QUESTIONS (IF ANY) UNDER STANDING ORDER 7

There were no questions submitted.

33. MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY, 16 JUNE 2016 OF AUDIT, SCRUTINY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee held on 16th June 2016 were submitted (Appendix 1).

Resolved: That the proceedings of the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee held on 16th June 2016, be approved.

34. MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY, 28 JULY 2016 OF AUDIT, SCRUTINY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee held on 28th July 2016 were submitted (Appendix 2).

Resolved: That the proceedings of the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee held on 28th July 2016, be approved.

35. MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY, 23 JUNE 2016 OF POLICY, RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy, Resources and Performance Committee held on 23rd June 2016 were submitted (Appendix 3).

Resolved: That the proceedings of the Policy, Resources and Performance Committee held on 23rd June 2016, be approved.

36. MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY 2016 OF POLICY, RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy, Resources and Performance Committee held on 20th July 2016 were submitted (Appendix 4).

Resolved: That the proceedings of the Policy, Resources and Performance Committee held on 20th July 2016, be approved.

37. MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY, 7 JULY 2016 OF SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Service Committee held on 7th July 2016 were submitted (Appendix 5).

Resolved: That the proceedings of the Service Committee held on 7th July 2016, be approved.

38. ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which sought approval of the Annual Report for 2015/16 and its publication on the GMFRS Website.

It was reported that the 2015/16 Annual Report provided an overview of the Service's achievements and performance against its plan for the preceding year. Members were advised that this year had been particularly busy for GMFRS as there had been a number of large scale incidents that had placed huge demands on resources. Also, work had taken place with partners to scale up some pilot schemes to save more lives and money in line with the Greater Manchester Strategy. A copy of the Annual Report for 2015/16 was detailed at Appendix A of the report, for information.

Members welcomed the informative report and made reference to the increase in the number of people rescued from fires and other emergencies since last year when the budget continued to reduce. The flooding and extreme weather had impacted heavily on resources in 2015/16 with firefighters rescuing nearly 1000 people in less than 24 hours on Boxing Day.

Councillor June Hitchen took the opportunity to congratulate staff for achieving the national WOW! Award for the second year running. The

organisation had won the Serving the Community: Best Organisation 2015 award.

Resolved: That:

1. The content of the report and comments raised, be noted.
2. The Annual Report 2015/16, as detailed at Appendix A of the report, be approved and its publication on GMFRS website, be supported.

39. FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT OUTCOMES 2016

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which provided an update on the recent whole time (SDS) 2016 Firefighter recruitment activity and assessment outcomes.

Members were advised that in February 2016, the organisation's attraction strategy 'Join Us' was signed off and endorsed by the Corporate Leadership Team, underpinning the organisation's commitment and intent to attract under-represented groups and communities into the current workforce. The wholetime (SDS) Firefighter recruitment campaign opened on Monday 23rd May 2016 and closed on Sunday 12th June and eligibility for application was again based on an individual's existing participation with GMFRS and prior engagement via a series of routes and channels including Prince's Trust, apprenticeships, volunteering, resilience crews, Retained Firefighting and cadets. In total 172 applicants submitted applications prior to the deadline and of those shortlisted, 69 candidates passed the National Firefighter Selection test. Following the analysis of all assessment information, 23 candidates were offered the opportunity to join the trainee firefighter programme and 21 candidates accepted the offer and have progressed onto the 16 week course which commenced on Wednesday 24th August 2016. The candidates had come from a variety of talent pathways which included staff, volunteers, resilience fire crews and Moss Side Boxing Gym and 42% of the candidates reflected the identified target group of under-represented parts of Greater Manchester communities. The Chairman commented that the target group reached was an improvement on last year however going forward it was the aim to attract a cohort that truly reflected the Greater Manchester community.

Councillor Fred Walker requested a breakdown on the number of new recruits who reside within Greater Manchester. In response, the Deputy County Fire Officer advised that he would circulate this information outside the meeting.

The Chairman of the Fire Authority and Deputy County Fire Officer attended an event on Friday 26th August 2016 to congratulate and welcome the new starters to GMFRS. The Passing-Out Parade was due to take place on Thursday 15th December 2016 which all Members would be invited to attend.

Resolved: That:

1. The content of the report and comments raised, be noted.

2. The Authority welcome the 21 new Firefighter Recruits to GMFRS.
3. A breakdown of the number of new recruits who reside within Greater Manchester be circulated to Members outside the meeting.

40. BUDGET UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which provided an update on the latest budget position for 2016/17 including the process for setting the budget for 2017/18 with specific reference to the following:

- Current Year Budget Monitoring Update 2016/17;
- Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20;
- Combined Authority Transition Update;
- Business Rates Retention Consultation;
- Efficiency Strategy Update;
- Reporting Schedule / Planning Process.

The report followed the latest update on the Authority's Revenue and Capital budgets, provided for Quarter 1 Revenue and Capital to the Policy, Resources and Performance Committee on 20th July 2016 (Minute 11 refers), and the Medium Term Financial Strategy, presented to the Authority on 11th February 2016 (Minute 76 refers).

Resolved: That the content of the report and comments raised, be noted.

41. DEVOLUTION - GMCA GOVERNANCE REVIEW AND SCHEME: PHASE 2 - CONSULTATION OUTCOME

Consideration was given to a report of the Clerk which provided an update on Devolution in Greater Manchester and advised on the outcome of the Governance Review and Scheme: Phase 2 Consultation undertaken by Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA).

It was reported that the statutory Order for the election of the Mayor for Greater Manchester had been made and the election would take place on 4th May 2017, with the Mayor taking up office on 8th May 2017. The GMCA had undertaken a further governance review and was proposing a further scheme which included changes in the governance arrangements for the functions of Fire and Rescue in Greater Manchester. The GMCA had also undertaken a six week public consultation on the review and proposed scheme which concluded on 15th August 2016. Following consideration of the consultation responses the GMCA was satisfied that devolving the powers as set out in the Scheme would lead to an improvement in the exercise of functions in relation to the area of Greater Manchester and a report would be submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government seeking approval of the Review and Scheme: Phase 2.

A copy of the Authority's response to the consultation was detailed at Appendix 1 of the report, for information.

Resolved: That:

1. The content of the report and comments raised, be noted.
2. The outcome of the consultation on the GMCA Governance Review and Scheme: Phase 2, be noted.
3. It be noted that following consideration of the consultation responses the GMCA is satisfied that devolving the powers as set out in the Scheme will lead to an improvement in the exercise of functions in relation to the area of Greater Manchester.
4. It be noted that the Greater Manchester Combined Authority is to submit a report to the Department for Communities and Local Government seeking approval of the Review and Scheme: Phase 2.

42. LGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2016 - FEEDBACK

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which provided feedback from the LGA Annual Conference and Exhibition 2016 which took place from 5th to 7th July 2016 at Bournemouth International Centre.

The 2016 annual conference took place days after the outcome of the EU Referendum on 23rd June 2016 to exit the EU followed by the resignation of the Prime Minister, David Cameron. The conference discussed the political uncertainty this had caused and took the opportunity to discuss priorities and plans for the future including the challenges the sector was facing.

The next Conference was due to take place on 4th to 6th July 2017 at the Birmingham International Convention Centre.

Resolved: That the content of the report, be noted.

43. CHIEF'S ACTIVITY REPORT 2016/17 (1ST APRIL - 30TH JUNE 2016)

The County Fire Officer and Chief Executive presented the 'Chief's Activity Report' for Quarter 1 2016/17 – 1st April to 30th June 2016, for Members' information and comments. The report provided Members with information on the wide ranging activities which had taken place across the Boroughs during this period and also provided an update on the following subject matters:-

- General News;
- Operational Incidents;
- Service Delivery;
- Prevention and Protection;

- Communications and Engagement.

Members had a detailed discussion on the content of the report and the activity which had taken place across the Service in Quarter 1.

Councillor Tommy Judge, Vice Chairman, made reference to the success of Connor Tudsbury, a teenage boxer who attended the Moss Side Fire Station Boxing Club and had achieved the top prize in the England Boxing Junior Amateur Boxing Association Championships in April 2016. The boxing club had been set up by firefighters to try and engage with young people in the Moss Side area to break down barriers in the community and combat antisocial behaviour and was now a true asset which transformed people's lives.

Councillor Basil Curley welcomed the Homeless Partnership which had been launched to assist tackling homelessness and rough sleeping in Manchester. He also took the opportunity to thank crews for attending a recent event in Charlestown. Councillor Basil Curley felt it would be useful if a specific report could be submitted to a future meeting which provided a summary of all community events including projects taking place across Greater Manchester. In response, the Director of Prevention and Protection advised he would provide this information to a future meeting.

Councillor June Hitchen made reference to the forthcoming Halloween period and requested that a report was submitted on the Treacle Campaign including an element on vulnerability on clothing. She advised that parents had found the campaign that had taken place last year on clothing including fancy dress costumes extremely useful. The Director of Prevention and Protection advised that a report on the 2016 Treacle Campaign would be submitted to the next meeting of the Service Delivery Committee on 22nd September 2016.

Resolved: That:

1. The 'Chief's Activity Report' for Quarter 1 2016/17 – 1st April to 30th June 2016 and comments raised, be noted.
2. A report detailing the 2016 Treacle Campaign be submitted to the next meeting of the Service Delivery Committee on 22nd September 2016.
3. A report providing a summary of all community events including projects taking place across Greater Manchester be submitted to a future meeting of the Authority.

44. QUARTER ONE PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2016-17

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which presented and sought approval of the Service's Quarter 1 Performance against the development and delivery goals contained within the 2016/20 Integrated Risk Management / Corporate Plan. The report provided a view of performance for each of the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

against forecasted target and variances when compared to Quarter 1 of 2015/16.

It was reported that there had been 12,280, calls (999) handled by North West Fire Control during Quarter 1 and around 15% of these would have been duplicate calls. GMFRS had recorded 3516 fires that was 179 below the forecasted target and a reduction of 59 when compared to the same period last year. Road traffic collisions had increased by 7% when compared to Quarter 1 2015/16 and a total of 2139 special service calls had been received which represented an increase of 1174. Sadly there had been 2 fire related fatalities during Quarter 1 2016/17 and 60 casualties from fire which represented a significant increase on the same period last year.

Members were advised that the quarterly, year to date and previous year to date figures for all key performance indicators were detailed at Appendices A and B of the report. A series of histograms providing a view of incident data since April 2012 to date was detailed at Appendix C and a summary of progress against Quarter 1 scheduled activities from Directorate Plans was detailed at Appendix D of the report.

The Director of Emergency Response advised that Exercise 'Triton 2' had taken place between 11th and 15th July 2016. The exercise was simultaneously hosted by GMFRS and Norfolk Fire and Rescue Fire Service (FRS) and involved a significant number of National Resilience Assets and FRS personnel and a range of exercises took place with a variety of multi-agency partners. Councillor Steve Williams advised that he had attended the Exercise as an observer and took the opportunity to thank Mick Lawlor, Civil Contingencies Manager, for his part in organising the event.

Councillor June Hitchen raised her concern at the increase in Firefighter Hostilities compared with Quarter 1 2015/16 and asked whether the Service worked with local schools on in trying to resolve this issue. In response the Director of Prevention and Protection advised that visits were arranged with local schools when attacks had happened in specific areas. Councillor June Hitchen also made reference to the sickness levels with specific regard to mental health which remained one of the main reasons for time lost to sickness and welcomed the work that was being undertaken by the Health and Wellbeing Team to change the culture and stigma of mental health by promoting awareness and encouraging people to talk openly about their mental health issues. In response, the Deputy County Fire Officer advised that to support the work that was taking place three case studies had been published in the Routine Circular on 'A firefighter's battle with depression and anxiety' which had been written by firefighters in the Service to assist in reducing the stigma of mental health. These would be circulated to Members for their information.

The Chairman requested on behalf of the Authority that a report was provided to a future meeting detailing how quickly the main highways in Greater Manchester could be opened following an incident. This request came as GMFRS moved into devolution and when an accident on one of the main

highways occurred it could cause disruption for hours and affect the regeneration and economy of the conurbation. In response, the Deputy County Fire Officer advised that GMFRS had been consulted on the Transport for Manchester Strategy and had also worked on a national level to create strategies to reduce traffic disruption that were now operated on a daily basis. He advised that a report on the 'Road Network Infrastructure Operational Issues in Greater Manchester' would be submitted to a future meeting of the Authority.

Resolved: That:

1. The content of the report and comments raised, be noted.
2. The Quarter 1 2016/17 Performance against the development and delivery goals contained within the 2016/20 Integrated Risk Management / Corporate Plan, as detailed at Appendices A and B of the report, be approved.
3. The series of histograms providing a view of incident data since April 2012 to date, as detailed in Appendix C of the report, be noted.
4. The summary of progress against Quarter 1 2016/17 scheduled activities from Directorate Plans, as detailed in Appendix D of the report, be noted.
5. The three case studies on 'A firefighter's battle with depression and anxiety' which had been written by firefighters in the Service to assist in reducing the stigma of mental health, be circulated for information.
6. A report on the 'Road Network Infrastructure Operational Issues in Greater Manchester' be submitted to a future meeting of the Authority.

45. EFQM AND SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which provided a recap of the GMFRS excellence journey to date and a progress update on the organisation's commitment to service excellence including the next steps.

Members were advised that as part of the ongoing commitment to excellence GMFRS had been selected as finalists at the 2016 BQF Achievement Award for Innovation. The submission was in relation to the Incident Command Academy and how this had been developed using state of the art technology. The awards ceremony would be taking place in London on the 13th October 2016 which the Member Champion for Efficiency Savings, Sustainability and Excellence would be invited to attend.

The 'Recognised for Excellence' (R4E) assessment process was biannual with the last process taking place in 2015 and the next was due to take place in June 2017. The submission document would be produced by the Planning

and Performance Department with input from all directorates and would be submitted in April ahead of the site visit in June 2017.

Resolved: That:

1. The content of the report and comments raised, be noted.
2. GMFRS success in being selected as a finalist at the 2016 BQF Achievement Award for Innovation along with attendance at the Ceremony on 13th October 2016, be noted.
3. The Authority continue to support the long term value of EFQM to provide external assurance of the Service's performance and embedding of this process within the organisation to inform future strategic planning and confirm the preferred re-assessment process.

46. DEVELOPMENT GOAL 20 OPERATIONAL TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY CENTRE UPDATE

The Chairman agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Service Delivery Committee on 22nd September 2016.

CHAIRMAN

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 26 AUGUST 2016 AT
MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Ebrahim Adia
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	City Mayor Paul Dennett
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Alex Ganotis
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

GMF&RS	Councillor Tommy Judge
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC	Councillor Guy Harkin

ALSO PRESENT

Cheshire East Council	Councillor David Brown
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Owen	Bury Council
Howard Bernstein	Manchester CC
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Steve Rumbelow	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Donna Hall	Wigan Council
Ian Piling	GM Police

Paul Argyle
Jon Lamonte
Simon Nokes
Adam Allen
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Andrew Lightfoot
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148/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cliff Morris and Margaret Asqutih (Bolton), Councillor Ebrahim Adia in attendance as a substitute. Apologies were also received from Councillor Andrew Fender.

149/16 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no announcements or matters of urgent business reported.

150/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

151/16 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 29 JULY 2016

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 29 July 2016 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 29 July 2016 as a correct record.

152/16 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF THE GMCA

Consideration was given to a report advising members of those strategic decisions that were to be considered by the GMCA over the forthcoming months.

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions, as set out in the report.

153/16 DEPUTY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor provided the meeting with an update on the appointment of Deputy Portfolio Holders.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the appointment of Deputy Portfolio holders, up to the June 2017 AGM, as set out below:-

Portfolio	Leader	Deputies
Health and social care	Peter Smith	Brenda Warrington Wendy Wild Linda Thomas
Planning and housing	Richard Farnell	Mark Hunter Paula Boshell
Low carbon, waste and environment	Paul Dennett	Aasim Rashid Lynn Travis
Investment and finance	Kieran Quinn	
Skills and employment	Sean Anstee	Jenny Bullen Abdul Jabbar
Children's services	Cliff Morris	Donna Martin Linda Blackburn
Economic strategy incl internationalisation and marketing and business support	Richard Leese	Dylan Butt Ebrahim Adia
Reform	Tony Lloyd	Sue Murphy John Merry
Police, crime, civil contingencies, fire	Rishi Shori	Barbara Brownridge
Transport	Tony Lloyd	Jo Platt
Fairness, Equalities and Cohesion	Jean Stretton	Angeliki Stogia Jane Black
Culture, Arts and Leisure	Alex Ganotis	Jane Lewis
Criminal Justice	Tony Lloyd	Barbara Brownridge

154/16 GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report presenting the draft terms of Reference for the GMCA Resources Committee for approval.

RESOLVED/-

To agree the Terms of Reference of the Resources Committee.

155/16 GMCA PHASE 2 CONSULTATION OUTCOME

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report which provided details on the outcome of the formal public consultation undertaken with regard to GM Fire and Rescue Authority, Waste Disposal Authority, education and skills transport, the GM Spatial Framework, overview and scrutiny arrangements and equalities and provides an analysis of the responses received.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report.
2. To delegate authority to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to make final amendments including reference to final GM local Authority consultation responses received since the report was drafted.
3. To approve the report with final amendments for submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

156/16 GMCA TRANSITION UPDATE

RESOLVED/-

To defer consideration of this item to the next GMCA meeting on 30 September 2016.

157/16 GREATER MANCHESTER BREXIT MONITOR

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, introduced a report which updated Leaders on progress with the ongoing work to understand the full implications of Brexit on Greater Manchester and the development an appropriate policy response. Members noted that the first edition of the Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor was appended to the report and would be produced monthly to update GMCA and provide a real-time snap shot of the economic and policy impact of Brexit.

Members noted that clarification was needed from Government with regard to ERDF and ESF funding and financial instruments for Greater Manchester post Brexit. In addition, the provision of science funding and Greater Manchester's ability to maintain research development networks in Europe was highlighted as important.

The Chair noted that the ability to maintain international consortia also depended up on the ability to retain or attract personnel, particularly in universities and within the health service where a number of EU nationals were employed. Work was to be undertaken to identify any particular trends to this regard.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note progress with analysis to support the GMCA in identifying the issues that Greater Manchester will be seeking that the Government address through the Autumn Statement and the matters that Greater Manchester will want to highlight for consideration as the framework for Britain's withdrawal from the EU is established.
2. To note the contents of the Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor as set out in the appendix to the report.

158/16 EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL INVESTMENT FUNDS (ESIF) UPDATE

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Finance introduced a report which provided Members with an update on the implications for Greater Manchester's European Structural Investment Funding (ESIF) following the EU Referendum vote and the recent announcement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the steps the Treasury is taking to address the uncertainty surrounding European funds that has been in place following the EU referendum.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree the GMCA seeks urgent assurance from Government that it will commit to fully fund all GM ESIF projects that are currently "under assessment" , recognising the limited capacity of both Department for Communities and Local Government and Department for Works and Pensions to speedily progress projects to contract by the arbitrary deadline of the Autumn Statement.
2. To agree the GMCA seeks assurance from Government that it will fully fund the total value of GM's ESIF programme to 2020 as set out in GM's ESIF Plan.
3. To agree the GMCA seeks clarification from Government regarding the timing of future calls within this programme period, in order for GM to continue to deliver the 2014-2020 ESIF Plan.

159/16 ACCESS FUND FOR SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport, introduced a report providing details of the Department for Transport's Access Fund for Sustainable Travel 2017/18 – 2019/20 and to seek approval of the proposed programme of initiatives for submission.

A Member suggested that the potential of a proportion of funding being committed to districts to enable them to support smaller local businesses with travel planning for their employees and to promote cycling and walking initiatives, should be looked at. The Chair also added that he asked how care leavers could be supported by the Fund.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the details of the Department for Transport's new Access Fund for Sustainable Travel.
2. To approve the proposed programme of initiatives for submission subject to the above comments being explored.
3. To agree to delegate final approval of the submission, following any comments received, to the TfGM Chief Executive, the GM Interim Mayor/GMCA Transport Portfolio Lead and the Head of Paid Service.

160/16 PROGRESS AND FUNDING REPORT ON THE ALLIANCE PROJECT FOR UK TEXTILES

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment & Finance, introduced a report updating GMCA members on the progress by the Alliance Textile Project during 2015/2016, specifically the major activities agreed with GMCA on 17 March 2015, the proposed work programme to July 2017 to deliver the remaining key elements of the work programme and the funding position at March 2016, funding secured for the period up to the end of April 2017 and highlighting the gaps.

With regard to the proposal for the provision of gap funding, it was suggested that discussions should take place with other LEP areas and that a delegation be sought to grant authority to the GMCA Treasurer in consultation with Kieran Quinn to determine the level of gap funding once the outcome of discussions with other LEP areas was known.

Members noted that a national Textile Manufacture and Innovation Centre of Excellence was to be established in Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note progress achieved by The Alliance Project in 2015/2016 and to endorse the work programme for 2016/2017 for the Alliance Project, subject to funding.
2. To note funding discussions underway with other LEP areas.
3. To grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment & Finance, to determine the level of gap funding for the continuation of the Alliance Project development team to deliver the work programme as set out in 1 above, once the outcome of the ongoing discussions to with other LEP areas was known.

161/16 LOCAL GROWTH DEAL FUNDING FOR GRAPHENE ENGINEERING INNOVATION CENTRE (GEIC)

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Economic Strategy introduced a report which reminded the GMCA of the GEIC's strategic significance and seeking formal

approval to grant £5m of Local Growth funding to the University of Manchester. The grant will also secure a further £5m of investment through a £5m European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) project secured by the University. Together this funding will be used to purchase equipment to fit out GEIC's laboratories.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note progress with delivering GEIC.
2. To formally approve a grant of £5m of Local Growth Deal Funding to support the purchase of equipment to fit out GEIC's laboratories.
3. To authorise the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring officer to agree the terms of the grant agreement.

162/16 MAXIMISING THE APPRENTICESHIP LEVY ACROSS GREATER MANCHESTER'S PUBLIC SECTOR

Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Lead for Skills and Employment introduced a report outlining the work to date setting out the opportunities and challenges for Greater Manchester's public sector in relation to maximising its investment via the Apprenticeship Levy and developing a high quality, collective approach to supporting future public sector apprenticeships through the development of bespoke programmes.

A Member suggested that the GM Public Sector apprenticeship approach should give consideration of national standards in order to avoid duplication. Any standard approach for GM should be generic enough to take in to account different local authority area requirements and that consideration should be given to whether apprentices should be drawn from school leavers, college leavers or graduates.

A Member suggested that transport issues for young people to access opportunities needed to be included in the process.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the latest developments in relation to the Apprentice Levy.
2. To note the progress to date in understanding both the supply and demand side of the Apprenticeship equation in Greater Manchester's public sector.
3. To agree that further work should be undertaken on demand side (understanding impact/potential of the apprenticeship levy on supporting upskilling/workforce development by Local Authorities) once more details of funding rates etc. is released by Skills Funding Agency.
4. To endorse further development of a GM Public Sector Apprenticeship Programme.

163/16 SCIENCE AND INNOVATION AUDITS

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Economic Strategy, introduced a report providing Leaders with a progress update on work to conduct a Science and Innovation Audit for Greater Manchester/East Cheshire

The Part B report containing commercially sensitive elements of the Audit was taken as read with this item.

Members noted that science is a key element of the economic strategy for Greater Manchester and work was taking place to develop this science base, create commercial opportunities and encourage scientists to grow as entrepreneurs.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the progress in producing the Science and Innovation Audit.
2. To agree that any specific comments on the draft Audit report be included within the final report.
3. To authorise the Head of the Paid Service, Portfolio lead for Economic Strategy, Chair of the LEP and President of the University of Manchester to sign off the submission of the final Audit to Government on behalf of the GMCA.

164/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members noted that as the commercially sensitive information was taken as read during the consideration of Science and Innovation Audits report (Minute 163/16) and Greater Manchester Housing Fund – Investment Strategy Update (Minute 164/16) the recommendation to exclude members of the press and public would not be moved.

165/16 SCIENCE AND INNOVATION AUDITS

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A Science and Innovation Audit (Minute 163/16).

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2016
AT TRAFFORD TOWN HALL**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori
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OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Allen Brett
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Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Donna Hall	Wigan Council
Ian Hopkins	GM Police
Peter O'Reilly	GM Fire & Rescue Service
Jon Lamonte	Transport for Greater Manchester
Steve Warrener	Transport for Greater Manchester

Simon Nokes
Adam Allen

Clare Monaghan
Liz Treacy
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166/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richard Farnell (Rochdale). Councillor Allen Brett attended as a substitute.

Apologies were also noted from Margaret Asquith (Bolton), Carolyn Wilkins (Oldham).

167/16 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no announcements or matters of urgent business reported.

168/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

169/16 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 26 AUGUST 2016

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 26 August 2016 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 26 August 2016 as a correct record.

170/16 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF THE GMCA

Consideration was given to a report advising members of those strategic decisions that were to be considered by the GMCA over the forthcoming months.

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions, as set out in the report.

171/16 MINUTES

- a. **Minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on 16 September 2016**

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the TFGMC meeting held on 16 September 2016.

- b. **Minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership held on 19 September 2016**

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the Local Enterprise Partnership meeting held on 19 September 2016.

172/16 GMCA TRANSITION UPDATE - HEADQUARTERS

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor presented a report which provided a brief rationale for review and discussion behind the preferred option of Churchgate House as the new headquarters of the GMCA and setting out the likely budget requirement for the transition to a new headquarters. The paper also reiterates the benefits of co-location for a newly integrated CA, as previously agreed by the Combined Authority on 18 March 2016.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) To agree the preferred location of Churchgate House as the administrative headquarters for GMCA.
- 2) To agree the release of £1.9m from the Combined Authority's reserves to enable transition to the new headquarters to begin as set out in section 3.1 of the report, with a view to some staff occupying the new premises from March 2017.
- 3) To authorise the Treasurer to determine the appropriate split, for accounting purposes, between revenue and capital spending and allow the funding to be allocated as necessary across financial years as this will be subject to the agreed date of occupation.
- 4) To agree to a lease for approximately eight years being entered into, and to authorise the Monitoring Officer to enter into the necessary legal agreements.

173/16 REFRESHING THE GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY AND CONSULTATION PLAN PROPOSALS

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor presented a report which identified that in the light of the wide ranging programme underway to deliver Greater Manchester's growth and reform ambitions and in response to the changing context in which Greater Manchester is operating, it is now timely to develop a refreshed and revised economic strategy for Greater Manchester.

Members noted that the outline framework for the refreshed strategy which proposes that an extensive programme of engagement is developed to ensure that GM residents, businesses and stakeholders have the opportunity to shape and influence the strategy.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) To endorse the outline framework attached at Annex A to the report, as a basis for engaging residents, businesses and other stakeholders in a public conversation regarding their vision and aspirations for Greater Manchester.
- 2) To request that a timetable for refreshing the Greater Manchester Strategy and a detailed engagement strategy be submitted for consideration at their next meeting.

174/16 GREATER MANCHESTER BREXIT MONITOR

Cllr Richard Leese, Portfolio Holder for Economic Strategy presented a report which introduced the latest edition of the monthly Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor and provides a real-time snap shot of the economic and policy impact of Brexit.

Members noted that there was still a need to understand Government policy regarding the proposed Brexit approach and that some progress had been made in relation to European Union funding future arrangements. In addition, it was also noted that work with businesses was continuing and of the feedback received from the majority of local companies, the Brexit decision had not affected their business as yet, although the longer the uncertainty and upon leaving the European Union it was anticipated that this confidence was likely to change.

Cllr Leese highlighted that lower than previously expected growth was forecasted in light of Brexit but noted that those key industrial sectors within in Greater Manchester would provide a stronger position than in other areas or regions.

A Member also highlighted that there was need to further understand the approach and planning of European contractual matters for Greater

Manchester post 2020, which will not be covered in Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) To note the contents of the latest Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor.
- 2) To note the cautious optimism represented in the business and consumer sentiment, acknowledging that the full impact of the decision to leave the European Union is yet to be felt and that no decisions have been made in relation to terms of trade and rules and regulations.

175/16 LOCAL GROWTH DEAL TRANSPORT UPDATE

Cllr Richard Leese, Portfolio Holder for Economic Strategy presented a report which provided the Combined Authority with an update on the latest position in relation to the Local Growth Deal Transport Programme which follows on from the update provided in March 2016.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) To note the current position in relation to the current Growth Deal Major Schemes programme.
- 2) To note the current position in relation to the current Growth Deal Minor Works and Additional Priorities programmes.
- 3) To note Manchester City Council's intention to progress with advanced utilities works in the region of £0.4 million on the MSIRR Regent Road / Water Street scheme, subject to the agreement of the detailed arrangements by the GMCA Treasurer, the MCC Treasurer and the TfGM Finance and Corporate Services Director.
- 4) To note the submission of a bid in relation to the third round of Growth Deal funding.

176/16 SALFORD CENTRAL STATION UPDATE

Tony Lloyd GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport presented a report which provided Leaders with an overview of the current position regarding platform improvements delivery at Salford Central railway station and to set out proposals for a phased approach to delivery in order to secure the maximum service provision and realise the full potential benefits of the works required at the station.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) To note and comment on the content of the report.
- 2) To endorse the proposed phased approach to delivering the works at Salford Central rail station.
- 3) To note the requirement for additional local funding for the platform extensions, and associated railway operational works, to deliver the

benefits that accommodating longer trains at Salford Central station will deliver.

177/16 INTERNATIONALISATION STRATEGY

Cllr Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Economic Strategy presented a report which sought the approval from the Combined Authority of the Internationalisation Strategy for Greater Manchester, as set out in the report, and presented a long term vision for Greater Manchester to become a top 20 global city by 2035.

The report set out eight strategic priorities which would provide the framework for the Internationalisation Strategy over the next three years. These priorities are:-

- Global Gateway for the UK and the North.
- World centre for trade across the GM prime and enabling sectors.
- A UK magnet for Foreign Direct Investment in key GM growth sectors and specialisms.
- An attractive multi billion pound portfolio of prime foreign capital investment opportunities promoted globally.
- Strengthened world leading international research capabilities and international entrepreneurial talent base.
- The best UK destination for International students.
- A world class visitor hub.
- Build the Manchester brand and reputation by telling our story brilliantly to the global audience.

In welcoming the report a Member suggested that the Expo initiative and trans-Pennine transport infrastructure ought to be referenced within the Internationalisation Strategy. In response, Members noted that Expo was included in the Autumn Statement and that matters regarding transport infrastructure was picked up in the Growth Submission.

The Chair suggested that in addition to the current direct links to/from Manchester to important international locations, the development of direct links from Manchester Airport to Gatwick would benefit the Internationalisation Strategy and should be explored.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) To approve the Internationalisation Strategy for Greater Manchester, as appended to the report.
- 2) To agree that the Strategy is reviewed on an annual basis and any adjustments required to take account of changing circumstances in the

interim with be considered under the direction of the GM Internationalisation and Marketing Board.

178/16 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK PROJECT UPDATES

Cllr Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment Strategy and Finance presented a report which provided Members with updates on the DataCentred project.

The Part B report containing the commercially sensitive elements of the GM Investment Framework was taken as read with this item.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) To agree to the changes to the commercial terms of the DataCentred funding as set out in the Part B report; and
- 2) To grant delegated authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan at 1) above.

179/16 GM HOUSING FUND REQUESTS

Cllr Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment & Finance presented a report which sought approval of the GM Housing Fund loans, and an investment of City Deal receipts, as detailed in the recommendation below.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) To approve the GM Housing Fund loans in the table below, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report.

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Waterside Places LLP	Islington Wharf Phase 3	Manchester	£10,143,857
Azar Estates Ltd.	The Place, Sale	Trafford	£6,915,000
Nook and Key Ltd.	St Stephen's Church, Hyde	Tameside	£2,534,000

- 2) To approve the use of £1,144,000 of City Deal receipts to provide additional mezzanine lending to the St Stephen's Church scheme, noting that this investment will be subject to the approval of the Homes and Communities Agency to be obtained through the GM Housing Investment Board.

- 3) To recommend to Manchester City Council that it prepares and effects the necessary legal agreements in accordance with its approved internal processes.

180/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Combined Authority is requested to consider the resolution below to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the reports at items 16 and 17.

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

181/16 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A GM Investment Framework Project Updates (178/16 refers).

182/16 GM HOUSING FUND REQUESTS

Cllr Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment & Finance presented a report which provided further detail on the proposed GM Housing Fund loans (and in the case of the St Stephen's Church scheme, investment of City Deal receipts) to Waterside Places, Azar Estates and Nook and Key.

In response to an enquiry from a Member regarding the proposed loan to Azar Estates Ltd regarding The Place, Sale, Trafford, it was noted that this proposed development was within the parameters of the previously agreed criteria and for this reason had been recommended for approval.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) To note the contents of this report.
- 2) To agree that in supporting the approval of all the schemes contained in the report, the current criteria for GM Housing Fund requests be reviewed for future reference.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND AGMA EXECUTIVE, HELD ON FRIDAY 26 AUGUST 2016 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Ebrahim Adia
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JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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ALSO PRESENT

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69/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cliff Morris and Margaret Asquith (Bolton). It was noted that Councillor Ebrahim Adia was in attendance as a substitute to Councillor Morris. Apologies were also received from Councillor Andrew Fender (TfGMC).

70/16 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no announcements or matters of urgent business reported.

71/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

72/16 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 29 JULY 2016

The minutes of the Joint GMCA & AGMA Executive Board meeting held on 29 July 2016 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the Joint GMCA & AGMA Executive Board meeting held on 29 July 2016 as a correct record.

73/16 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF JOINT GMCA & AGMA

Consideration was given to a report advising members of those strategic decisions that were to be considered by the Joint GMCA & AGMA Executive Board over the forthcoming months.

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions, as set out in the report.

74/16 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2016

The minutes of the proceedings of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Audit Committee were submitted. Members noted that they were to consider the Audit

Committee's recommendation to amend the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee as per the extract from the minutes below:

AC16/14 (a) TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee reviewed its Terms of Reference and requested the following amendment to the Terms of Reference for recommendation to the GMCA as follows:

- Introduction Para 1.2 – to reference the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.
- Core Functions Para 1.1 - To reference TfGM re consolidated figures.
- Core Functions Para 4.1 - To reference the Audit Plan and Audit Findings (ISA260) Report and, refer to "recommendations" rather than "concerns".
- Core Functions Para 1.1 – To reference to accounts from Marketing Manchester should be removed.
- Heading – this should refer to AGMA in addition to the GMCA.

Resolved/-

That the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board be recommended to approve the amendments of the Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Audit Committee held on 4 August 2016.
2. To approve the recommended amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Audit Committee.

75/16 JOINT GMCA AND AGMA SCRUTINY POOL MINUTES – 12 AUGUST 2016

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2016 were submitted, for GMCA Members' information.

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool meeting held on 12 August 2016.

76/16 GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK – GROWTH OPTIONS

Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio lead for Planning and Housing, introduced a report updating the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board on analysis undertaken to develop the preferred growth option for the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF).

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the analysis that has been undertaken to inform the economic and demographic growth forecasts for the GMSF.
2. To agree that the level of growth under Accelerated Growth Scenario (AGS) 2015, as outlined in paragraph 7.4, should be approved as the preferred growth option for the GMSF.



MINUTES

Meeting:	National Park Authority
Date:	Friday 1 July 2016 at 10.00 am
Venue:	The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell
Chair:	Cllr Mrs L C Roberts
Present:	Mr P Ancell, Mrs P Anderson, Mrs F Beatty, Cllr P Brady, Cllr C Carr, Cllr D Chapman, Cllr A R Favell, Cllr C Furness, Cllr N Gibson, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr A Hart, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr H Laws, Cllr Mrs C Howe, Ms S Leckie, Cllr J Macrae, Cllr S Marshall-Clarke, Cllr A McCloy, Ms S McGuire, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Mrs E Sayer and Cllr Mrs J A Twigg
Apologies for absence:	Cllr D Birkinshaw, Cllr D Greenhalgh, Cllr Mrs N Turner, Cllr F J Walton and Cllr D Williams.

Before commencing the meeting the Authority stood in silent tribute to mark 100 years since the start of the Battle of the Somme.

21/16 ELECTION OF AUTHORITY CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR (A.111/RC)

Cllr D Chapman, the Deputy Chair of the Authority, presided for the appointment of the Chair for 2016/17.

Two Members, Cllr C Furness and Cllr Mrs L Roberts, had expressed an interest in the role of Chair of the Authority and provided a written statement, circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting. The two nominations were moved, seconded and, in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(4), the voting was carried out in the form of a ballot.

Following the ballot Cllr Mrs L Roberts was appointed as Chair of the Authority for 2016/17, she thanked Members for electing her and then presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Two Members Cllr D Chapman and Cllr Mrs J A Twigg had expressed an interest in the role of Deputy Chair of the Authority and provided a written statement, circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting. The two nominations were moved, seconded and, in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(4), the voting was carried out in the form of a ballot.

Following the ballot Cllr D Chapman was appointed as Deputy Chair of the Authority for 2016/17.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To appoint Cllr Mrs L Roberts as Chair of the Authority for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in July 2017.**
- 2. To appoint Cllr D Chapman as Deputy Chair of the Authority for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in July 2017.**

22/16 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair invited the Chief Executive to update Members on Leadership Team discussions on how the results of the recent European Referendum would impact upon the Authority. It was confirmed that the risk register had been updated and discussions had taken place regarding the possible implications for Moorlife 2020 and the 4 year settlement from DEFRA. It was also noted that there may be further implications arising from regulative changes and the impact on funding to our partners and partnerships.

The Chair welcomed Philip Sunderland who was attending the meeting as an observer in anticipation of being appointed as an Independent Person later in the meeting.

23/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 27TH MAY 2016

The minutes of the last meeting of the Authority held on 27 May 2016 were approved as a correct record.

24/16 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 10

Mr R Helliwell, personal interest in the appointment to the Moors for the Future Partnership as he was a contractor for a project commissioned by the partnership.

25/16 REPORT OF THE MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS PANEL - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS, ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, PANELS AND ADVISORY GROUPS (A.111/ RC)

The meeting considered the report of the Member Appointments Process Panel and considered each of the appointment in the order set out in recommendations 2 to 12 in the report. In most cases the appointments were moved, seconded and approved in accordance with the expressions of interest in the report. Any changes to the report are identified below. Recommendation 1 was withdrawn.

In introducing the report it was noted that the arrangements of allowing the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority and the Chairs of Standing Committees to attend meetings of Committees they were not appointed to was working well and no adverse feedback had been received. Therefore it was confirmed that the appointments to Committees this year would follow the same process.

Planning Committee

It was noted that the Authority had previously agreed that the Membership of both Standing Committees should be set at 15 but, following expressions of interest, only 13 Members had expressed an interest in being appointed to Planning Committee. As the Authority wanted to set Planning Committee membership at 15 it was agreed that the existing allocation of places to local authority members be maintained, but for this year

the Metropolitan Councils vacancy be allocated to Cllr D Williams from Derbyshire County Council and that the remaining Secretary of State position be allocated to Cllr Mrs L Roberts.

Audit Resources and Performance Committee

Following the appointments to Planning Committee Mrs E Sayer and Cllrs D Greenhalgh, Mrs G Heath and Mrs N Turner were appointed to the Audit Resources and Performance Committee.

Local Joint Committee

It was agreed that Cllr J Macrae be appointed to fill the Local Authority Member Vacancy on the Committee.

Due Diligence Panel

It was agreed that Mr Z Hamid would be appointed as the member and Cllr Mrs C Howe as his deputy.

Appointment Process Panel

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs J A Twigg be appointed to one of the Local Authority Member vacancies.

Strategic Advisory Group

As Cllr Mrs J A Twigg withdrew her expression of interest Cllr C Furness was appointed as the Local Authority Member on the Advisory Group.

Following a vote it was agreed that Cllr P Brady be appointed as the Parish Member on the Advisory Group.

Budget Monitoring Meeting

Following a vote Mrs F Beatty was appointed to the Budget Monitoring Meeting.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To appoint the following Members to the offices of Chair and Vice Chair of the Standing Committees until the Annual Meeting in July 2017:**

Planning Committee

Chair: Mr P Ancell
Vice Chair: Cllr D Birkinshaw

Audit Resources & Performance Committee

Chair Cllr A McCloy
Vice Chair Cllr F J Walton

- 2. To appoint Members to Planning Committee, and the Audit Resources and Performance Committee as set out below until the Annual Meeting in July 2017:**

Planning

**Chair: Mr P Ancell
Vice Chair: Cllr D Birkinshaw**

**Cllr P Brady
Cllr C Carr
Cllr D Chapman
Cllr A Hart
Mr R Helliwell
Cllr Mrs C Howe
Cllr H Laws
Cllr J Macrae
Ms S McGuire
Cllr Mrs K Potter
Cllr Mrs L Roberts
Cllr Mrs J Twigg
Cllr D Williams**

Audit Resources & Performance

**Chair: Cllr A McCloy
Vice Chair: Cllr F J Walton**

**Mrs P Anderson
Mrs F Beatty
Cllr A R Favell
Cllr C Furness
Cllr N Gibson
Cllr D Greenhalgh
Mr Z Hamid
Cllr Mrs C G Heath
Ms S Leckie
Cllr S Marshall-Clarke
Cllr C McClaren
Mrs E Sayer
Cllr Mrs N Turner**

- 3. To appoint the following Members to the Urgent Business Items Sub-Committee until the Annual Meeting in July 2017:**

Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority

**Cllr Mrs L Roberts
Cllr D Chapman**

Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee

**Mr P Ancell
Cllr D Birkinshaw**

Chair and Vice Chair of Audit Resources and Performance Committee

**Cllr A McCloy
Cllr F J Walton**

- 4. To appoint the following Members to the Local Joint Committee until the Annual Meeting in July 2017:**

**Cllr D Birkinshaw
Cllr D Chapman
Cllr C Furness
Cllr Mrs C Howe
Cllr J Macrae**

**Cllr C Carr
Cllr A R Favell
Mr Z Hamid
Cllr Mrs K Potter**

- 5. To appoint the following Members to the Appeals Panel until the Annual Meeting in July 2017:**

**Cllr D Chapman
Cllr Mrs C Howe
Cllr Mrs J A Twigg
Cllr F J Walton**

**Mr P Ancell
Cllr P Brady
Cllr A R Favell
Cllr A McCloy**

- 6. To appoint the following Members to the Strategic Advisory Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2017:**

Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority

**Cllr Mrs L Roberts
Cllr D Chapman**

In most cases the appointments were moved, second and approved in accordance with the report of the Appointment Process Panel attached as appendix 1 subject to the following changes:

Climate Change	Mrs P Anderson was nominated and appointed.
Cultural Heritage	Cllr C Carr withdrew his expression of interest.
Economy	Cllr A Hart was nominated at the meeting in addition to the expression of interest from Cllr C Furness. Both nominations were voted on and Cllr C Furness was appointed.
Promoting Understanding	Mr Z Hamid was nominated and appointed.

RESOLVED:

1. **To appoint the following Members to Member Representative roles until the Annual Meeting in July 2017:**

Asset Management	Cllr A R Favell
Biodiversity	Mrs P Anderson
Climate Change	Mrs P Anderson
Cultural Heritage	Ms S McGuire
Economy	Cllr C Furness
Landscape	Mr R Helliwell
Member Learning & Development	Cllr S Marshall-Clarke
People and Communities	Cllr P Brady & Mr Z Hamid
Planning Enforcement	Cllr D Chapman
Promoting Understanding	Mr Z Hamid
Recreation	Vacant
Tourism	Cllr C Carr

2. **To monitor the Member Representative roles during the next 12 months and review them before the Annual meeting in July 2017.**
3. **To confirm that travel and subsistence allowances are payable for approved duties as set out in appendix 2 to the report, subject to an amendment to also include attendance at meetings when the member representative is invited to accompany the lead officer for their role.**
4. **To ask Members appointed to Member Representative roles to produce a short annual report on activities, as appropriate, to be circulated in June 2017 as part of preparations for the 2017 Annual meeting.**

Cllr A Favell joined the meeting at 11am during consideration of this item.

At 11.10am, following consideration of this item, the meeting was adjourned until 11.20am.

27/16 MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES (A.1155/RC)

The Authority considered a report on making appointments to Outside Bodies until the annual meeting in July 2017

In most cases the appointments were moved, second and approved in accordance with the report of the Appointment Process Panel attached as appendix 1 subject to the following changes:

Culture Derbyshire	Removed from the list as previous appointee had not been invited to attend any meetings.
Derbyshire Environment Trust	Removed from list as officer attendance more appropriate.
Derbyshire Sport	No appointment made. Will revisit if lead officer feels Member representation is appropriate.
East Midlands Councils	Cllr D Chapman appointed as Deputy Member.
Hope Valley and High Peak Community Rail Partnership	Cllr Mrs J A Twigg withdrew her expression of interest.
Peak District and Derbyshire Destination Management Partnership Board	Cllr C Carr appointed as Deputy Member.
Peak District Local Nature Partnership	Mr Z Hamid withdrew his expression of interest
Rural Action Derbyshire	Removed from list as officer attendance more appropriate.
South West Peak Landscape	Appointed Cllr A Hart with Mrs F Beatty as a Deputy Member.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To make appointments to the outside bodies set out in Appendix 1 to the minutes to expire at the Annual meeting in July 2017.**
- 2. To ask the Director of Corporate Strategy and Development, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority, to review of the list of outside bodies set out in Appendix 1 before the Annual meeting in July 2017.**
- 3. To confirm that attendance at meetings of the Outside Bodies identified in appendix 1 be an approved duty for the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.**
- 4. To ask Members appointed to outside bodies to produce a short annual report on activities, as appropriate, to be circulated in June 2017 as part of preparations for the 2017 Annual Meeting.**

28/16 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS (AGM)

Under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011, the Authority was required to appoint at least one Independent Person to assist the Authority in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct amongst all Members. The Independent Persons had to be consulted on the decision to investigate complaints and before making a decision on an investigated complaint. The Independent Persons may also be consulted on other standard matters, including by the Member who is subject to an allegation.

The Authority had previously appointed Mrs Joan Carr and Mr Robert Ashworth to be Independent Persons for a term of 4 years ending at the Authority AGM in July 2016. As both were ineligible to stand for reappointment the Authority had sought applications to fill the vacancies and the Monitoring Officer and the Chair of Audit Resources and Performance Committee had interviewed suitable candidates. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that there had been a significant number of good quality and experienced candidates and following the interviews Philip Sunderland and Jean Walker had been identified by the interview panel as suitable for appointment.

RESOLVED:

1. **To appoint Philip Sunderland and Jean Walker as Independent Persons for a term of office of 4 years ending at the AGM in 2020.**
2. **To ask the Chair to thank Joan Carr and Robert Ashworth for their contribution to the work of the Authority as members of the Standards Committee and Independent Persons.**

29/16 AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS - PART 4 - DELEGATION TO COMMITTEES (JS)

The Authority considered a report setting out proposals to amend part 4 of Standing Orders relating to the terms of reference for Authority, Committees, Sub-Committees and Advisory Groups by making minor changes to the terms of reference of Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: To amend the terms of reference of Planning Committee as set out in section F in appendix 1.

30/16 MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE ANNUAL RETURN (JS)

The meeting considered the annual return of Members' attendance at Authority and Committee meetings and Training and Development events for 2015/16.

RESOLVED: To note the annual return of Members' attendance for 2015/16.

31/16 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2017 (A.111/RC)

The meeting considered a report setting out proposals for a schedule of meetings for 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017.

RESOLVED: To approve the calendar of meetings for 2017 as set out in appendix 2 of these minutes.

The meeting ended at 12.05 pm

APPENDIX 1

**PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES - JULY 2016**

Campaign for National Parks	Member: Deputy: Deputy:	Councillor Lesley Roberts Mr Paul Ancell Councillor Tony Favell
Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership Rural Forum	Member: Deputy:	Councillor Judith Twigg Councillor Chris Carr
Derbyshire Archeological Advisory Committee	Member:	Councillor Chris Furness
Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Stakeholder Engagement Forum	Member:	Councillor Judith Twigg
Derbyshire Partnership Forum	Member: Deputy:	Councillor David Chapman Councillor Judith Twigg
Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership	Member:	Councillor Chris Furness
East Midland Councils	Member: Deputy:	Councillor Judith Twigg Councillor David Chapman
Europarc	Member:	Councillor Lesley Roberts
Hope Valley and High Peak Community Rail Partnership	Member:	Mr Robert Helliwell
Land Managers Forum	Chair: Deputy Chair: Member: Member:	Councillor Lesley Roberts Councillor David Chapman Mrs Frances Beatty Mr Robert Helliwell
Moors for the Future Partnership Group	Chair: Deputy Chair: Reserve:	Councillor David Chapman Mrs Penny Anderson Mr Robert Helliwell
National Parks England	Deputy Chair:	Councillor Lesley Roberts
National Parks UK	Member:	Councillor Lesley Roberts
Oldham and National Park Partnership	Member:	Councillor Colin McLaren
Peak District and Derbyshire Destination Management Partnership Board	Member: Deputy:	Councillor Judith Twigg Councillor Chris Carr
Peak District Interpretation Partnership	Member:	Ms Stella McGuire
Peak District Local Access Forum	Member:	Councillor John Walton
Peak District Local Nature Partnership	Member:	Mrs Penny Anderson

	Deputy:	Mr Robert Helliwell
Peak District National Park Youth Forum Group	Member:	Mr Zahid Hamid
Peak District Partnership	Member: Deputy:	Councillor Judith Twigg Councillor Patrick Brady
Peak Park Parishes' Forum Annual Liaison Meeting	Member: Deputy:	Councillor Lesley Roberts Councillor David Chapman
Sheffield City Region Forum	Member: Deputy:	Councillor Neale Gibson Mr Zahid Hamid
South West Peak Landscape Partnership Board	Member: Deputy:	Councillor Andrew Hart Mrs Frances Beatty
Staffordshire Destination Management Partnership	Member:	Mrs Frances Beatty
Stanage Forum Steering Group	Member:	Ms Stella McGuire



Programme of Meetings 2017

Bank Holidays

2017 - 2 Jan, 14 & 17 April, 1 & 29 May, 28 Aug, 25 & 26 Dec

All Meetings/Events start at 10am except where shown

	2017											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Authority		3	17		26		7 AGM			6		1
Audit Resources & Performance	20		3		19		21		15		3	
Local Joint						9						1 2.00pm
Planning	13	10	10	7	12	16	14	11	8	13	10	8
Site Visits	12	9	9	6	11	15	13	10	7	12	9	7
Strategic Advisory Group		3			19		21				3	
Member Workshop									22	20	17	
Other events	20 Budget Monitoring				19 Budget Monitoring	23 Annual Tour	21 Budget Monitoring				17 Budget Monitoring	
Essential Training						9 New Member Induction			29 Planning (1)	27 Planning (2)		

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Present:	Councillor	Murphy (Chair)
	Councillors	Ali, Brock, Cummings, Driver, Emmott, Fitzpatrick, Holden, Iqbal, Jones, Lancaster, Murphy, Piddington, Quinn, Smart, Young and Zaman
	Officers	Clerk, Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, Solicitor, Deputy Treasurer and Head of Corporate Services
Apologies:	Councillors	Hewitt, King and Shilton Godwin
	Officers	Director of Contract Services

M1 Appointment of Chair

The Clerk to the Authority opened the meeting and welcomed new and returning Members to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Authority and the first Authority meeting of the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

The Clerk asked for nominations for the appointment of Chair. Councillor Piddington nominated Councillor Nigel Murphy and Councillor Iqbal seconded the proposal. The proposal was put to the vote and it was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Nigel Murphy be unanimously appointed Chair of the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

Councillor Murphy took the role of Chair. The Chair expressed his thanks to Councillor Piddington for her work as Chair in the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

Introductions by Members and Chief Officers took place around the table.

The Chair suggested and Members agreed that Officers would write to Members from the 2015/16 Municipal Year, thanking them for their work and contributions.

M2 Urgent Business, if any, introduced by the Chair

There was no urgent business introduced by the Chair.

M3 To receive Declarations of Interest in any contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting

There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.

M4 Constitution 2016/17

Members considered the report of the Head of Corporate Services that asked Members to approve the revised Constitution for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) approves the revised Constitution for the 2016/17 Municipal Year (Section 4 of the report and delegates any minor changes (such as typographic amendments and completion of appointment details) to the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Authority; and
- b) approves the Members' training package and schedule (Section 5) of the report.

M5 Authority Membership for the 2016/17 Municipal Year

Members considered the report of the Clerk to the Authority that asked Members to note Authority Membership for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

Bolton	Mohammed Iqbal Kevan Jones	Labour Labour
Bury	Tony Cummings Alan Quinn	Labour Labour
Manchester	Shaukat Ali Nigel Murphy Mandie Shilton Godwin	Labour Labour Labour
Oldham	Cherryl Brock Stephen Hewitt	Labour Labour
Rochdale	Susan Emmott Mohammed Zaman	Labour Labour
Salford	Jim King David Lancaster	Labour Labour
Stockport	Roy Driver Lisa Smart	Labour Liberal Democrat
Tameside	Philip Fitzpatrick Catherine Piddington	Labour Labour
Trafford	John Holden Michael Young	Conservative Conservative
Wigan	None appointed (non-voting in waste disposal matters)	

RESOLVED: That the Authority notes its' Membership for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

M6 Local Government Act 1985 - Section 41 Appointment of Members to Answer Questions

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk to the Authority that sought the appointment of Members to answer, on behalf of the Authority, questions raised by Members of constituent District Councils.

The following appointments were noted:

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government 1985 Act, the under-mentioned Members be appointed to answer, on behalf of the Authority, questions raised by Members of the constituent District Councils pertaining to Authority matters:

Bolton	Kevan Jones
Bury	Alan Quinn
Manchester	Nigel Murphy
Oldham	Stephen Hewitt
Rochdale	Mohammed Zaman
Salford	David Lancaster
Stockport	Roy Driver
Tameside	Cath Piddington
Trafford	Young

M7 Appointment of the Leadership Team for the 2016/17 Municipal Year

Members considered the report of the Clerk to the Authority that sought appointment to the Leadership Team for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That, in line with the governance structure of the Authority for 2016/17, the following Members be appointed to the Leadership Team of the Authority:

- 1) Councillor Tony Cummings (Labour)
Vice-Chair of the Authority and Chair of the Waste Management Committee
- 2) Councillor Michael Young (Conservative)
Deputy-Chair of the Waste Management Committee
- 3) Councillor Cath Piddington (Labour)
Vice-Chair of the Authority and Chair of the Resources Committee;
- 4) Councillor David Lancaster (Labour)
Deputy-Chair of the Resources Committee
- 5) Councillor Philip Fitzpatrick (Labour)
Deputy-Chair of the Audit & Standards Committee

M8 Appointments to the Authority's Governance Arrangements for the 2016/17 Municipal Year

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk to the Authority that sought the appointment of Members to serve on the Authority's governance arrangements for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) in line with proportionality rules (Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989) (except in relation to the Resources Committee, where it was unanimously agreed by Members to waive the political balance rules) appoints the following representatives to the Authority's Committees/Sub-Groups and other bodies for the 2015/16 Municipal Year:

Waste Management Committee

(Seven Members: Six Labour, One Conservative)

- 1) Councillor Tony Cummings (Labour) (Chair)
(Substitute: Councillor Alan Quinn)
- 2) Councillor Michael Young (Conservative) (Deputy Chair)
(Substitute: Councillor John Holden)
- 3) Councillor Shaukat Ali (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Mandie Shilton Godwin)
- 4) Councillor Kevan Jones (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Mohammed Iqbal)
- 5) Councillor Roy Driver (Labour)
(Labour Member - to be called upon by the Chair)
- 6) Councillor Jim King (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor David Lancaster)
- 7) Councillor Mohammed Zaman (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Susan Emmott)

Resources Committee

(Six Members: Five Labour, One Liberal Democrat*)

In relation to the Resources Committee, it was unanimously agreed by Members to waive the political balance rules.

- 1) Councillor Cath Piddington (Labour) (Chair)
(Substitute: Councillor Philip Fitzpatrick)
- 2) Councillor David Lancaster (Labour) (Deputy Chair)
(Substitute: Councillor Jim King)
- 3) Councillor Mandie Shilton Godwin (Labour)
(Substitute Councillor Nigel Murphy/Councillor Mohammed Iqbal)
- 4) Councillor Cheryl Brock (Labour)
(Substitute Councillor Stephen Hewitt)
- 5) Councillor Mohammed Iqbal (Labour)
(Substitute Kevan Jones)
- 6) Councillor Lisa Smart (Liberal Democrat)
(Conservative place if Councillor Smart is unable to attend Lead of Conservative Party to appoint substitute if required)

Audit & Standards Committee

(Five Members: Four Labour, One Conservative)

- Independent Chair Jackie Njoroge
 - Independent Member Ian Thomson
 - Independent Member David Tomlinson
- 1) Councillor Philip Fitzpatrick (Labour) (Deputy Chair)
(Substitute: Councillor Cath Piddington)
 - 2) Councillor Alan Quinn (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Tony Cummings)
 - 3) Councillor Kevan Jones (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Mohammed Iqbal)
 - 4) Councillor John Holden (Conservative)
(Substitute: Councillor Michael Young)
 - 5) Councillor Stephen Hewitt (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Cheryl Brock)

Petitions Sub-Group

(Three Members: Three Labour)

- Councillor Kevan Jones (Labour)
 - Councillor Roy Driver (Labour)
 - Councillor Cath Piddington (Labour)
(no substitutes appointed)
- b) agrees not to appoint a Special Purposes Committee for the 2016/17 Municipal Year;
- c) appoints the following Members to the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB):
- Councillor Nigel Murphy (Labour)
Councillor Tony Cummings (Labour)
Councillor Michael Young (Conservative)
- d) appoints Councillor Nigel Murphy as spokesperson for AGMA and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and Councillor Tony Cummings as substitute; and
- e) appoints Councillor Cherryl Brock as a Member to the Low Carbon Hub Board.

M9 Timetable of Meetings 2016/17

The Authority considered the report of the Clerk to the Authority that set out the proposed timetable of meetings of the Authority and its Committees for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That, subject to bringing forward by one week the proposed dates of the Resources Committee with an initial meeting taking place on 21st June 2016, the Authority approves the dates of all the Authority's Governance arrangements as set out in Section 3 of the report.

M10 Authority and Committee Work Programmes for the 2016/17 Municipal Year

Members considered the report of the Head of Corporate Services that presented the Work Programme for the Authority and its Committees for the 2016/17 Municipal Year for approval.

RESOLVED: That the Authority approves the Work Programmes for the 2016/17 Municipal Year attached to the report at Appendix A.

M11 Public & Member Question Time

There were no questions raised at the meeting.

M12 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th March 2016

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting dated 18th March 2016 be approved as a correct record.

M13 Communications Update

Members considered the report of the Head of Corporate Services, which informed the Authority of the various work streams currently being undertaken in relation to behavioural change, communications and engagement.

The Head of Corporate Services presented the report to Members and explained that the report pulled together all strands of communications and behavioural change work for Members. It was advised that the out-turn budget for 2015/16 had been finalised and this had resulted in an additional £27k of underspend. It was noted that the Authority's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) set out a mechanism for the Authority to request back the additional underspend from Viridor Laing (Greater Manchester) Ltd (VLGM) and in issuing the request the £27k would be proportioned back to Viridor (20%) and GMWDA (80%).

It was reported that targeted campaigns (main focus for the first time during 2015/16) were on track and within budget.

In relation to Resource Greater Manchester, the newly formed partnership with the Waste Resources Action Programme (WRAP), Members were informed that work was on-going to develop proposals to aid the Authority's objectives with the Waste Management Strategy alongside national targets. As part of this work pilot schemes would be developed to help tackle certain areas, the first of which would be the trial of a food waste collection services with apartments.

It was reported that work was on-going in relation to the Authority's long-term Communications Strategy and a further report setting out the emerging strategy would be presented to the next Authority meeting.

Members were recommended sign up to the Courtald Commitment as the commitment fitted with the Authority's Actions Plans and met the Authority's priorities on waste prevention, increasing composting and encouraging more sustainable behavior.

The finer details of the work would be considered at the Resources Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes the progress being made on the Recycle for Greater Manchester (R4GM) targeted campaigns;
- b) notes the progress being made on the development of Resources Manchester and appoints a representative to the Resource Greater Manchester Board;
- c) approves the Work Programme in relation to the Authority's Communications Strategy; and
- d) approves the Work Programme to the Waste Resources Action Programme (WRAP) Courtald Commitment 2025.

M14 Value for Money Policy & 2016/17 Plan

Members considered the joint report of the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk and Director of Contract Services that asked the Authority to consider and approve the Authority's Value for Money Policy and Framework, which was attached the report

RESOLVED: That the Authority approves the Value for Money Policy and Framework attached to the report at Appendix A.

M15 Open Minutes & Reports for Consideration/Noting

Members considered the open minutes and reports for noting contained within the agenda (Part 2). As there were no questions raised by Members, the Authority noted the information presented within the agenda.

RESOLVED: That the Authority notes the information presented within the agenda (Part 2).

M16 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting at this juncture for the following business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respectively indicated paragraph 3 and that it would not be, on balance, in the public interest to disclose the information to the public because disclosure would be likely to breach the reasonable requirements of companies to commercial confidentiality at this stage of the procurement process.

M17 Recycling & Waste Management Contract Update

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk and Director of Contract Services, which provided Members with an update on key aspects of the Contract including 2015/16 unverified performance and financial outturn, progress with defect rectification, Contract performance in 2016/17 to date and progress updates on the review of Contract efficiencies and savings being developed with the Leaders' Waste Task Group (LWTG).

The Solicitor to the Authority advised Members that the report contained material that was of the utmost commercial sensitivity and was subject to Legal Professional Privilege. Any disclosure of the information contained in the report might seriously impact upon the Authority's commercial standing and/or legal position in taking forward the actions, discussions and proposals contained within the report. Members were prompted to sign the Confidentiality and Insider Information Declaration they had been provided with.

The Treasurer & Deputy Clerk introduced the item and Members' were provided with a presentation. Discussions focused on downtime and responsibility, budget arrangements and Contract Predictions, bio-reactors and tanks. Members were also given an update and time table about the Pension Fund. In terms of the Risk Register, the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk agreed to provide Members with a link to the document.

In response to a question raised, Members were reassured that the Authority did have the necessary resources to deal with the upcoming issues. The Clerk to the Authority expressed that the Authority had an excellent Core Team, backed up by external legal advice. Members would be sent any related reports moving forward.

A Member asked why a post code survey was taking place at Salford Road, Over Hulton. The Treasurer & Deputy suggested it could be cross boundary work. However, he was not certain and agreed to investigate further,

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes the impact in 2015/16 of on-going issues with the Mechanical & Biological Treatment (MBT) facilities, on both reduced landfill diversion performance (77.9% compared to the budget of 81%) and financially through a £1.619m budget overspend;
- b) agrees that a special meeting of the Authority be held on 15th July 2016 to be able to consider initial proposals being developed for the 2017/18 financial year; and

- c) approves the outline Strategy, set out in Section 9 of the report and delegates responsibility to the Clerk and Treasurer & Deputy Clerk (in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs) to progress implementation.

The meeting opened at 11.00 am and closed at 12.00 pm.

GMWDA

Present:	Councillor	Murphy (Chair)
	Councillors	Ali, Cummings, Driver, Fitzpatrick, Hewitt, Holden, Jones, King, Lancaster, Shilton Godwin, Smart, Young and Zaman
	Officers	Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, Director of Contract Services, Solicitor, Deputy Treasurer, Head of Corporate Services and Senior Corporate Services Officer - Governance
Apologies:	Councillors	Brock (due to attendance at the Low Carbon Hub Board), Emmott, Iqbal, Piddington and Quinn
	Officers	Clerk
In attendance:	Advisers	Arch (Envalue), Cole (KPMG), Lupton (DWF), Mousdale (DWF) and Sheerer (KPMG)

M18 Urgent Business, if any, introduced by the Chair

There was no urgent business introduced by the Chair. However, it was explained that a supplementary agenda was published on 8th July 2016, which contained the Recycling & Waste Management Contract (the Contract) Savings report. The reason for the late report was to allow for the most up to date information to be included within the report.

M19 To receive Declarations of Interest in any contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting

There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.

M20 Public & Members' Question Time

There were no questions submitted at the meeting.

M21 European Referendum - Impact on Authority Plans

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk and Director of Contract Services. The report informed Members of some potential impacts and sought agreement to refocus the Authority's planned lobbying strategy. The Treasurer & Deputy Clerk explained that on the 23rd June 2016 the United Kingdom (UK) voted to leave the European Union (EU), which would signal significant changes to the way the country operated (once a formal agreement to exit had been negotiated), and on the political and policy environment in which the Authority operated.

A Member asked about timings, targets and other Joint Waste Disposal Authority (JWDA) work in this area. The Treasurer & Deputy Clerk explained that there was a need for a united industry voice and work would continue with the other JWDAs with regular meetings and across the wider sector (via Viridor). In terms of targets, it was reported that they were moving. Members were reminded of the current targets of 90 to 95% diversion from landfill and a 70% target for recycling, announced by Simona Bonafè (the Italian Member of the

European Parliament (MEP)) which the UK Government appeared to be comfortable with. It was expected that in practical terms, potentially until 2019, all existing EU requirements would remain in place. It was envisaged that Districts would achieve the EU's basic recycling target of 50% (in 2020) certainly in 2018/19.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes the potential implications of 'Brexit' for the Authority; and
- b) approves proposals set out in Section 5 of the report to maintain lobbying activity, but seeking to extend work to now again engage with the Local Government Association (LGA).

M22 Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Proposed Expansion of Functions

Members considered the joint report of the Clerk and Treasurer & Deputy Clerk that advised the Authority of a decision of the GMCA, on 30th June 2016, to start a process of consultation on widening its range of functions from 1st April 2017, which would include the roles and responsibilities currently performed by the Authority.

A Member expressed that in principle, integration and the transfer of functions was a good decision. However, a twin track approach with the Contract options appraisal should be adopted. Another Member was concerned about the governance arrangements and how they should be mirrored across the GMCA. In response, the Chair advised that he had expressed that concern at a recent GMCA meeting, and that the Waste Committee should have the same governance arrangements as other Committees within the GMCA.

The Treasurer & Deputy Clerk agreed to draft a response (in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair) to the consultation taking into account the points raised by Members.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes the GMCA decision and proposals; and
- b) requests that Officers prepare a response to the consultation by 15th August 2016 in consultation with the Chair & Vice-Chairs of the Authority and it be circulated to all Members for comment.

M23 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting at this juncture for the following business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respectively indicated paragraph 3 and that it would not be, on balance, in the public interest to disclose the information to the public because disclosure would be likely to breach the reasonable requirements of companies to commercial confidentiality at this stage of the procurement process.

M24 The Recycling & Waste Management Contract Savings Update

Consideration was given to the Joint Officers' report that was published in a supplementary agenda on 8th July 2016, which contained the Contract Savings report. The reason for the late report was to allow for the most up to date information to be included for Members consideration.

The Treasurer & Deputy Clerk introduced the item and explained that the Authority agreed at its Annual General Meeting on 10th June 2016, to hold this special meeting to receive a progress update about Contract efficiencies.

The report set out that good progress was being made in a very fast paced arena, and anticipated that a further update to the 9th September 2016 Authority meeting would provide additional analysis, which should enable informed decisions to be made about the preferred way forward. However, final analysis would only be available later in the year once surveys and similar due diligence work had been completed.

Following the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk's introduction, the Director of Contract Services gave Members a brief overview of the Contract and a summary of the current issues. Members were then provided with a presentation by the Director and Advisers who were in attendance at the meeting, which highlighted delivery options, commercial, technical and financial issues.

It was explained that no decisions were required today and the recommendations within the report provided Officers with the necessary delegations to move forward. It was noted that a further report would be considered by the Authority at its next meeting on 9th September 2016. However, to make informed decisions, it was suggested that another special Authority meeting would be required in October 2016.

Members were reminded that the report and presentation contained material that was of the utmost commercial sensitivity and was subject to Legal Professional Privilege. Any disclosure of the information contained in the report might seriously impact upon the Authority's commercial standing and/or legal position in taking forward the actions, discussions and proposals contained within the report.

In terms of disclosure of information to Members colleagues, the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk agreed to provide Members with a Briefing Note.

Following the presentation, Members debated the report and proposals and sought clarification from Officers and Advisers on a number of commercially sensitive areas.

Members thanked Officers and Advisers for their presentation and valuable input at the meeting.

The recommendations within the report were amended to reflect Members comments and debate at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes good progress has been made to date in the identification of the potential for delivering significant annual savings and thanked the Officers and Advisers for their presentation and work done to date;
- b) subject to the request for the provision of further advice, approves the continued development of options set out in Sections 5 and 6 of the report;
- c) notes that Section 6 of the report currently has greater potential level of savings, and agreed that a more detailed proposal on the emerging way forward being presented together with an environmental appraisal to the 9th September 2016 Authority meeting;

- d) also requested that further work on options, as set out in paragraph 8.2 of the report, be carried out and a full report be presented to the 9th September 2016 meeting;
- e) notes the requirement to undertake further validation work on the proposed Viridor Laing (Greater Manchester) Limited (VLGM) Haase Facilities Deed of Variation (DoV17 - to the Construction Contract), and therefore to rely upon the existing delegation to the Director of Contract Services to progress if appropriate (Section 10 of the report); and
- f) agrees the proposed next steps as set out in Section 11 of the report, and approves the virement of resources from Senior Lending Reserve to cover the expected further revenue costs of developing those savings.

M25 Dates and Times of Future Meetings

The Chair suggested and Members agreed, that to enable Members to attend afternoon prayers, future Authority meetings would commence at 10.30 am.

RESOLVED: That the Authority agrees that future meetings will commence at 10.30 am.

The meeting opened at 11.00 am and closed at 1.22 pm.

GMWDA



COUNCIL

Update on Actions from Council

Portfolio Holder: Various

Officer Contact: Paul Entwistle, Director of Legal Services

Report Author: Liz Drogan, Head of Constitutional Services
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9th November 2016

Reason for Decision

The decision is for Elected Members to note the updates to the actions from previous Council meetings.

Executive Summary

1. This report provides feedback to the Council on actions taken at the Council meetings on 7th September 2016.
2. This report also provides feedback on other issues raised at that meeting and previous meetings.

Recommendations

Council are asked to note the actions and correspondence received regarding motions agreed at previous Council meetings.

Update on Actions from Council

1 Background

1.1 The report sets out the actions officers have taken on motions of outstanding business and notice of motions approved at the Council meetings on 7th September 2016.

2 Current Position

2.1 The current position from actions as a result of motions is set out in the table at Appendix One. Letters are attached at Appendix Two in response to the actions approved at Council.

3 Options/Alternatives

3.1 N/A

4 Preferred Option

4.1 N/A

5 Consultation

5.1 N/A

6 Financial Implications

6.1 N/A

7 Legal Services Comments

7.1 N/A

8. Co-operative Agenda

8.1 N/A

9 Human Resources Comments

9.1 N/A

10 Risk Assessments

10.1 N/A

11 IT Implications

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- 11.1 N/A
- 12 **Property Implications**
- 12.1 N/A
- 13 **Procurement Implications**
- 13.1 N/A
- 14 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**
- 14.1 N/A
- 15 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**
- 15.1 None
- 16 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**
- 16.1 No
- 17 **Key Decision**
- 17.1 No
- 18 **Key Decision Reference**
- 18.1 N/A
- 19 **Background Papers**
- 19.1 The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act:
- Agenda and minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th September 2016 are available online at: <http://committees.oldham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails>
- 20 **Appendices**
- 20.1 Appendix 1 – actions taken following the Council meeting held on 7th September 2016
- 20.2 Appendix 2 – Letters and other information received in response to actions approved at previous Council meetings.

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Actions from Council 7th September 2016

ACTION	RESPONSE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED
Public Question – Fitton Hill Bulldogs: Lease of Playing Fields on Rosary Road	A meeting to be arranged.	Leader of the Council	A meeting has been scheduled for 2 November 2016.
Ward Member Question – Councillor Hewitt - Fireworks	A discussion group would be set up to review options and would report back on what could be done.	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	Further to the questions raised regarding the sale of fireworks throughout the year and the setting off of fireworks during the night causing disruption to other residents, it can be reported that the following actions are currently ongoing as well as how concerns should be reported to enable officers to investigate. At this time of year, there is a lot of partnership activity taking place with Trading Standards Officers from the Council working with the Police and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue. Visits are carried out to all the registered sellers across the Borough (40 in total) together with an ‘underage sale’ operation to ensure fireworks are only sold to persons over the age of 18. The Council can investigate the setting off of fireworks outside the times stipulated by Councillor Hewitt, however, the

			officers based in Environmental Health would need to know the specific address so that investigations can be pinpointed and action taken. By its very nature, firework noise is short-lived and in practice, it can prove very difficult to locate the source. If there is a pattern of activity that can be traced to an address, the officers will investigate and take the appropriate action.
Ward Member Question – Councillor S. Bashforth – Problems on Edge Lane Street, Royton	A meeting to be arranged with the Cabinet Member and appropriate officers.	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	Discussions are ongoing with relevant members and officers.
Ward Member Question – Councillor McLaren – Wall at the Corner of Middleton Road and Firwood Park	Council would work with residents and appropriate officers from the Council for a positive solution to be identified.	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	In Progress.
Nomination for the Title of Honorary Freewoman	Nicola White to receive the nomination	Mayoralty Manager	Ceremony arranged for 9 November 2016.

Outstanding Business: Greater Manchester Moving Strategy	Council resolved to: 1. Give its support to the Greater Manchester Moving Strategy 2. Instruct the relevant officers to develop an action plan to detail how the pledges will be developed and implemented in Oldham	Health and Wellbeing	A draft action plan is due to be discussed with the Cabinet member in support of the Greater Manchester Moving pledges.
Leader of Main Opposition Question 2: Pokemon Go	Officers to work with members and the Youth Council to develop innovative ways to connect with residents.	Policy and Governance / Youth Council	Please see Note 1 below.
Leader of the Conservative Group – Granada Report on Elderly Care	Contact ITV on the Council's point of view of the biased report	Health and Wellbeing	A briefing note was sent to all Councillors on 27 October 2016.
Cabinet Minute Question – Councillor McCann Question related to Annual Statement of Accounts	Briefing session for all councillors on Financing and Supported Borrowing	Director of Finance	Dates are the in the process of being arranged.

Administration Motion 1 – Financial and Food Poverty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council and its partners establish an action plan 2. The plan identifies actions to address food poverty. 3. Write to the Clinical Commissioning Group 4. Chief Executive to write to the borough's three MPs and the Prime Minister 5. Chief Executive to write to the End Hunger Campaign UK <p>Response received from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 September 2016 received 22 September 2016</p> <p>Response received from the Prime Minister's Office dated 22 September 2016 received 30 September 2016</p> <p>Response D Abrahams MP dated 28 September 2016 received 30 September 2016</p>	<p>Policy and Governance</p> <p>Policy and Governance</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>In Progress – Please refer to Note 2 below.</p> <p>In Progress.</p> <p>14th September 2016</p> <p>14th September 2016</p> <p>14th September 2016</p>
Administration Motion 2 – Obesity Strategy	Motion to be rolled to the next ordinary Council meeting to be held on 9 th November 2016	Constitutional Services	9 th November 2016

Administration Motion 3 – Speed Kills	Motion to be rolled to the next ordinary Council meeting to be held on 9 th November 2016	Constitutional Services	9 th November 2016
Opposition Motion 1 – “Count Them In”	<p>1. Elected Members be urged to sign up as individual supporters</p> <p>2. Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Covenant write to the Secretary of State for Defence</p> <p>3. Chief Executive to write to the Borough’s three MPs</p> <p>Letter from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 September 2016 received 21 September 2016</p> <p>Response D Abrahams MP dated 28 September 2016 received 30 September 2016 with a response from the UK Statistics Authority dated 11 August 2016</p> <p>Further information in response to a survey is below at Note 3.</p>	<p>Email sent to Elected Members with link to the RBL website</p> <p>Councillor Brownridge</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>12th September 2016</p> <p>12th September 2016</p> <p>12th September 2016</p>
Opposition Motion 2 – Making Oldham More Dementia Friendly	Referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Board	Overview and Scrutiny Board	O&S Board at its meeting on 11 th October 2016 referred the issue to Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee who would report back on an on-going basis.

<p>Opposition Motion 4 – Royal Mail</p>	<p>1. Chief Executive to write to the Chief Executive and Chair of Royal Mail plc</p> <p>2. Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport; subsequent letter sent to Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</p> <p>Acknowledgement from Royal Mail dated 19 September 2016 received 21 September 2016</p> <p>Information received verbally and via email on 19 September 2016 and 23 September on attached briefing note</p> <p>Response received from Royal Mail dated 30 September 2016 received on 4 October 2016</p> <p>Response from Minister for Small Businesses, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility dated and received 12 October 2016</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>14th September 2016</p> <p>14th September 2016</p> <p>20th September 2016</p>
<p>Joint Authority Minutes – Transport for Greater Manchester – Councillor Sykes</p>	<p>TFGMC be contacted to discuss a direct connection to Piccadilly</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Letter sent on 23 September 2016</p>
<p>Update on Actions from Council</p>	<p>Council noted the actions received regarding motions and other actions agreed at previous Council meetings.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Council noted the report on 7th September 2016.</p>

New Powers to GMCA Consultation – Oldham Council Response	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The response submitted to the second GMCA consultation be noted. 2. The Council's response as outlined at Appendix 1 of the report be noted. 	Council	The Council noted the report on 7 th September 2016.
Annual Statement of Accounts 2015/16	The Council's Statement of Accounts for 2015/16, the Audit Findings Report and the comments in the report were noted.	Council	The Council noted the report on 7 th September 2016.
Treasury Management Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Actual 2015/16 prudential and treasury indicators as outlined in the report be approved. 2. The Annual Treasury Management Report for 2015/16 be approved. 	Council	The Council noted the report on 7 th September 2016.
2016/17 Minimum Provision Policy Statement – Outcome of Review and Proposed Revision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The revised 2016/17 Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement as set out in Appendix One which replaces Section 2.3 of the 2016/17 Treasury Management Strategy Statement approved by Council on 24 February 2016 be approved. 2. The new MRP Policy which would generate a saving which could be used to support the 2016/17 financial position and would revise the base budget requirement for future financial years be noted. 	Council	The Council noted the report on 7 th September 2016.

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16	The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2015/16 be approved.	Council	The Council Approved the report on 7 th September 2016.
Welfare Reform – Thematic Analysis: Debt and Finances of Local People	The report related to Welfare Reform Thematic Analysis on the Debt and Finance of Local People be noted.	Council	The Council noted the report on 7 th September 2016.

Previous to 7 September 2016 Council:

<p>Opposition Business 1 – NHS Blood and Transplant Services</p>	<p>Referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board. Emails sent to the relevant directorate.</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p>The Motion was discussed at the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 15th March 2016 where a number of options were considered. It was agreed that Oldham as a place to work with the NHS Blood and Transplant Service. The service is due to be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Development Session on 19 July 2016 with a further update to Health Scrutiny on 20 September 2016.</p> <p>Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee was informed on 20 September that work was underway for the development of a partnership agreement. Officers were working with Greater Manchester and have similar arrangements as Manchester and Salford. A conclusion should be reached by December.</p>
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<p>Opposition Business 2 – “Who Put That There Campaign”</p>	<p>Referred to Overview and Scrutiny. Emails sent to the relevant directorate.</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p>An update was provided to O&S Board on 22 March. The Board appointed a representative to work with officers from Policy. A charter would be discussed with partners/agencies and a report to be brought back to O&S Board. O&S Board received an update on 11th October 2016 who endorsed the report. This has now been commended for discussion with Cabinet Members.</p>
<p>Leader & Cabinet Question Time – Cllr Sykes to Cllr McMahon – Community Shop (4 February 2015)</p>	<p>Referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p><u>Community Shop</u> – a report was presented to O&S Board in July 2015. A workshop was organised for elected members on 28 September 2015. A visit also took place to the Community Shop in Barnsley and Fare Share in Ashton.</p> <p>The Board endorsed that a risk assessment and cost benefit analysis be carried out on a “combined model” which brought together the opportunity for the delivery of both the Community Shop and Fare Share models for the redistribution of surplus food, opportunities for joint investment from partners and other sources be explored; and</p>

			findings be reported back to the Overview and Scrutiny Board at a future date.
Administration Business 1 – International Women’s Day – 23 March 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supported the idea of and investigating funding sources for a permanent memorial to Annie Kenney in the town centre. 2. Supported the idea of and investigating funding sources for a permanent memorial to those killed and injured at Peterloo at Cheapside (outside the Civic Centre tower) near where the Oldham contingent gathered before marching to Manchester, and that the proposed memorial ideally be in place to mark the 200th anniversary of the massacre. 	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods – email sent 5 April	A plinth has been identified as the preferred location for the Annie Kenney statue. A foundation was being installed to support the statute. This is subject to fundraising.
EU Referendum – Impact on Oldham and Greater Manchester (13 July 2016)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The report be noted. 2. Letter to be sent to the Prime Minister jointly signed by the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Main Opposition 3. Councillor Jabbar take lead Cabinet responsibility 	Council Chief Executive	13 th July 2016 30 th August 2016
Administration Business 2 – Houses of Multi-Occupation (13 July 2016)	Officers be instructed to establish a robust evidence base outlining the impact HMOs.	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	A Policy Document will be prepared for consideration. Discussions have taken place with the Chair of Planning to discuss the constraints of legislation and the options to inform a policy. This work

			would continue and a policy addressing the issues would come forward as part of the refresh of the Local Plan to replace the existing HMO policy.
Opposition Business 1 – Bin Collection App (13 July 2016)	The merits and costs of the introduction of a bin app for the Oldham Borough be looked at and an update be provided to elected members.	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	In progress.
Opposition Business 3 – “Night Blight” (13 July 2016)	Overview and Scrutiny Board and Planning Committee to look into the merits and practicalities of adopting the recommendations in the Borough	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	A workshop is to be organised for Overview and Scrutiny Board Members and Planning Committee Members.

Note 1: Response to Leader of Main Opposition Question 2: Pokemon Go

The idea of using digital crazes such as Pokemon Go to enable us to increase physical activity, reduce obesity and engage people with our services is definitely one which is worth pursuing. The key factor in phenomena such as this is responding quickly and capitalising on the opportunity this brings as the shelf-life of these crazes is very short indeed.

In the case of Pokemon Go, it launched in July 2016 and quickly became popular with over 27 million daily downloads being recorded globally at its peak. However, it is in rapid decline and has been since the middle of August 2016, with the number of daily downloads in mid-September reduced to 700,000.

Pokemon Go will not be the last craze and there are already a number of reports of other augmented reality games in development such as Mario Brothers and a Game of Thrones version.

So, the question is how we can capitalise on these crazes as they emerge in future?

We can:

- Monitor the latest trends and crazes and see whether there is an opportunity to capitalise on them in respect of helping us achieve against some of our key priorities e.g. getting more people active.

- Develop our own understanding of these crazes and utilise them to develop our own ways of using them in Oldham.
- Work with partners such as HACK Oldham to develop quick understanding of how we can capitalise on the crazes for Oldham and work with partners to help implement them.

Note 2: Further Information on the Financial and Food Poverty Motion, 7th September 2016

A meeting was held in early October and discussions took place as to which organisations were involved in different parts of the motion.

The End Hunger Oldham campaign launched on the 15 October which encompassed a partnership approach to tackling local food poverty, including specific asks of leaders across Oldham to help raise the profile and communicate key messages outside the Borough. This is being led by the Oldham Poverty Agenda Group (specifically by Action Together) and there is a follow-on to the launch event scheduled on 28th October 2016 which will determine the next practical steps. An initial roadmap of the current activity in Oldham set against the council motion will help inform the discussion.

The meeting will also consider how the wider Oldham partnership engages with this agenda (poverty/food poverty) and the best route for engaging the partnership clusters. One thought is to actively involve local users of services to present the reality of poverty/food poverty for them and share their own stories and experiences.

Note 3: Further information related to the “Count Them In” Motion, 7th September 2016

The campaign questions had been raised by the GM Armed Forces Steering Group to inform the Greater Manchester response. Oldham Council responded as follows:

1. Which services would this new information from the Census help you to plan better? Please provide examples:

Housing – knowledge of veteran population in the borough and the housing situations they are in will help us to develop support groups and structures to ensure settling of veterans and a community that allows them to fully reengage in civilian life. This could be activities such as breakfast clubs and community events, with knowledge of the numbers and household structures of veterans informing the most suitable actions; a high number of veterans living alone will require different support mechanisms to a high number of veterans living in family structures for example.

Training/Education/Employment – the specific, unique requirements of many veterans when returning to civilian employment may require targeted support. With no data about the number, distribution, and age of the veteran population, these services cannot be planned and offered as the appropriate scale of activities required is unknown.

2. Would this information from the Census help you to further your understanding of the Armed Forces Community? Please provide examples of specific areas.

Currently there is no accurate and up-to-date information of even the number of veterans in the borough, let alone their distribution/age profile/gender, etc. Census information would provide hard figures about veteran populations to complement soft data gathered through discussions and outreach desks.

3. From where do you currently draw information on the Armed Forces Community and why would data drawn from the Census be an improvement on this?

Information currently drawn from the usual dated NHS figures. Development of directly asked questions for council services and partners (e.g. CCG/NHS) will improve local data when implemented, but will be patchy as it relies on collecting information from individuals approaching services. Conversations with individual veterans and outreach desks provide 'soft' data for issues in the armed forces community, but these are very specific and should be used to support hard data rather than being used in isolation to inform actions. As the census (theoretically) captures information for all residences in the UK, a much fuller and more up-to-date set will be available than is possible through borough-scale activities.

Jim McMahon OBE MP



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19 September 2016

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for recently contacting me regarding Council's 7th September 'End Hunger Campaign' motion.

I am fully in support of the End Hunger Campaign. I believe it is very important to raise awareness about the help available to the needy as well as promote the food justice movement at local level

I am more than happy to assist in any way possible to help make this campaign a success.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim McMahon".

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From The Direct Communications Unit

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Dear Dr Wilkins

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter.

Mrs May very much appreciates the time you have taken to write to her.

As the Department for Work and Pensions has responsibility for the matters you raise, I am forwarding your letter to them so that they are aware of your views.

Thank you, once again, for writing.

Yours sincerely

Correspondence Officer

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28 September 2016

Dear Dr Wilkins

Thank you for your letters regarding full Council resolutions at meetings on 13th July and 7th September, received on 9th August and 27th September respectively. I apologise for the delay in sending a response to the July resolutions, which is due to the sheer volume of constituents' correspondence I have recently received.

I share the Council's concerns regarding guidelines from the DCLG on ethical investments. I agree with the Council that the proposed measures will undermine local authorities' ability to implement ethical procurement and pensions investments and goes against the Government's stated commitment to localism. This issue was raised in a Westminster Hall debate on 15th March 2016. I note that you have already written to the Secretary of State on this issue. If there are any actions you would like me to pursue following his response, please let me know.

On "super rats" I agree with you that rats are a danger to the health and well being of residents and reports of immunity to standard poisons is worrying. I have made representations to the appropriate Minister on behalf of the Council on this issue and will be in touch again when I receive a substantive response.

I commend the Council on the End Hunger Campaign, with its aim to ensure we build a town in which everyone has access to good food and no one goes to bed hungry. As Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions I know only too well how the Government's changes to the social security system, including waiting periods in Universal Credit, the recent Concentrix tax credits debacle, the effects of the Bedroom Tax, incorrect Work Capability Assessments and punitive sanctions (among others) are pushing low income families deep into poverty.

Our social security system at present is unfit for purpose and I will continue to do what I can to hold the Government to account in Parliament, as well as supporting local initiatives such as Oldham Foodbank and the Alt Café Breakfast Club. As ever, do let me know if there's anything else I can do to help support the campaign.

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I appreciate you taking the time to contact me regarding the Royal British Legion's "Count Them In" campaign which calls for the inclusion of questions about the Armed Forces community in the next national census to ensure the needs of the Armed Forces community are fully met.

I made representations on this issue to the Cabinet Office, the Department responsible for statistics, including the census, on 22nd June 2016. The correspondence was transferred to the UK Statistics Authority and I enclose a copy of the response I received.

As you can see, the Office for National Statistics currently considers that other information sources could be used, separate from the census, to collect data on veterans and their families. However, work is ongoing with the Ministry of Defence to look at a range of options to best meet users' needs.

Thank you again for taking the time to make me aware of the Council's recent resolutions.

Yours sincerely



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11 August 2016

Dear Ms Abrahams,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am replying to your correspondence concerning enquiries received from constituents about requirements for information on the armed forces and the importance of including a question in the 2021 Census.

On 23 May the Office for National Statistics published their current view on the topics proposed for inclusion in the 2021 Census; this includes a specific report outlining their view on requirements for information on armed forces. Our current position follows a public consultation seeking evidence on the information needs for the 2021 Census which generated nearly 1,100 responses. The report may be accessed from the attached link:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/file?uri=/census/censustransformationprogramme/consultations/the2021censusinitialviewoncontentforenglandandwales/topicreport07armedforces.pdf>

The Office for National Statistics recognises that there is a clear need for information on the armed forces. The issue is how that information should be produced. In this case there might be administrative data sources, such as service and pension records collected by the armed forces and the Ministry of Defence, which could be used to identify former service men and women. We therefore currently consider that it would be better to make use of existing administrative data rather than ask a question of all 26 million households in England and Wales in 2021.

The Office for National Statistics is responsible for the census in England and Wales. In Scotland and Northern Ireland these responsibilities are carried out by National Records for Scotland and the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency. We are working cooperatively with colleagues in the devolved administrations, with the Ministry of Defence and other interested parties to consider a range of options to best meet users' needs.

Yours sincerely

John Pullinger

Jim McMahon OBE MP



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Our Ref: OMM/WILK01005/01160299

19 September 2016

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for recently contacting me regarding Council's 7th September 'Count them In' motion.

I am fully in support of the Royal British Legions campaign. I believe that by adding new questions to the 2021 census we can improve our understanding of this unique community and ensure that Oldham's politicians, charities and service providers fully meet the needs of our serving personnel, veterans and their families.

I am more than happy to make representations to the Secretary of State for Defence regarding this council motion.

Yours sincerely

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19th September 2016

From the Chief Executive's Office

Royal Mail Group

Your reference: Council – Royal Mail - 201600907

Our reference: 1- 3669656198

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Dear Dr Wilkins

Thank you for your letter of 12th September. I am sorry you have cause for concern.

My senior team and I will look into this and a full response will follow when enquiries are complete.

Yours sincerely



Moya Greene
Chief Executive Officer



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COUNCIL

Briefing Note on Royal Mail Motion

Portfolio Holder:

Officer Contact: Director of Legal Services

Report Author: Lori Hughes, Constitutional Services Officer
Ext. 4716

9th November 2016

This note contains additional information received from Royal Mail via email related to the motion agreed at Council on 7th September 2016.

A telephone call was transferred to Constitutional Services on 19th September. The call was from the Collection Planning Manager at Royal Mail's Manchester Mail Centre.

Assurances were provided that the post boxes had not been removed by Royal Mail. The boxes had been stolen by what appeared to be a gang who was active in the area. Since January, approximately 58 postboxes had been stolen from the OL and SK postcodes. This had created a huge administrative undertaking to get the missing boxes re-instated as quickly as possible. Royal Mail were working as fast as they could, but there were time constraints outside Royal Mail's control such as the time replacement boxes took to arrive from when the order was placed and job slots with the contractor to fit them.

The missing post boxes have been reinstated. The length of time to replace the boxes was due to the supply of postboxes, associated administration and co-ordination of planning around so many thefts in the area.

There had been time changes to collections due to low volumes posted into the boxes on a daily basis. The updated time specification would remain and would not be changed. The decision to change final clearance times was not linked to the thefts but was a business decision due to low volumes.

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30th September 2016

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Dear Dr Wilkins

Thank you for your letter of 12th September.

Since January this year, we have seen nearly 60 postboxes or postbox doors stolen from the OL & SK postcodes areas. As I am sure you will understand, this has created a huge administrative undertaking to replace so many postboxes as quickly as possible, not to mention the costs which can run into several thousand pounds per box.

Our subcontractor Romec is working very hard to replace the postboxes. Royal Mail's regional Collection Planning Manager has spoken with Ms Lori Hughes, who I understand is the council's Constitutional Services Officer. Ms Hughes confirmed she has acknowledged our feedback and will inform you in due course. My senior team have also corresponded with Cllr Howard Sykes from the council on the same matter over the last few months.

Our commitment is to ensure our postbox provision is in place for all our customers; however the disreputable actions we have been experiencing are of great concern to us and threaten this obligation. I am hopeful the local police will be working hard also to ensure these actions against us cease.

Thank you for your letter and I am sorry for the concern this has caused. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely



Moya Greene
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12 October 2016

Dear Dr Wilkins

Thank you for your letter of 20 September to the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, about post boxes in the Shaw and Crompton area. I am replying as this matter falls within my Ministerial portfolio.

I am grateful to you for bringing the Council's concerns to my attention. As a result, I asked my officials to contact Royal Mail. I know that Moya Greene, Chief Executive of the Royal Mail Group responded to your letter, explaining how they are trying to resolve the post boxes issue. Please see attachment.

I hope that the situation is speedily resolved to the satisfaction of the Oldham residents.

Best wishes
Margot

MARGOT JAMES MP

Minister for Small Business, Consumers & Corporate Responsibility

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Date 09/08/2016

Dear Carolyn,

RE: Oldham Council Resolution – Hate Crime

In response to your letter dated the 20th July 2016 regarding Oldham MBC giving Greater Manchester Police their unequivocal support in tackling hate crime.

Greater Manchester Police will absolutely not tolerate any hatred on the streets of our city. Greater Manchester has a long and proud tradition of celebrating diversity and is lucky to have a vibrant and multi-cultural population as a result.

Greater Manchester Police is very proactive in encouraging the reporting of hate crime and raising awareness of the damage that it can do and officers in each area work closely with their local communities to tackle it. Through partnership working with local bodies in particular Oldham MBC we will continue to tackle hate crime in the most effective way.

Hate crime remains a priority for GMP and we urge the communities within Greater Manchester to stand together as one and show a united front against hate crime. We take comfort in knowing that more people have the confidence to come forward and tell us they've been a victim but know that a lot of crimes go unreported.

As the territorial commander for Greater Manchester Police's Oldham borough I would like to thank Oldham MBC for their full support in this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline".

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30th August 2016

Thank you for your letter of 18 July to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government regarding ethical procurement and pension investments. I am replying as the Minister responsible for public procurement policy.

The guidance we issued on 17 February (<http://ow.ly/10iPr3>) makes clear to public authorities their international obligations when letting public contracts. It states that boycotts in public procurement are inappropriate, outside where formal legal sanctions, embargoes and restrictions have been put in place by the Government.

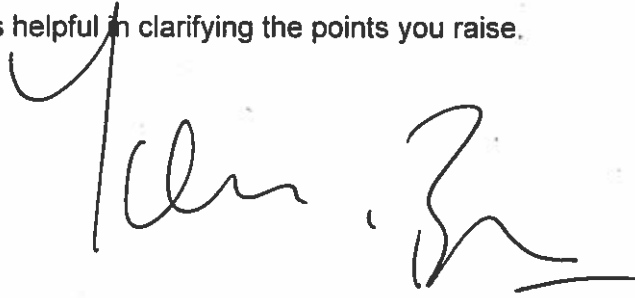
This was new guidance on existing policy that has been in place for many years under successive governments. The UK Government has a longstanding policy of value for money in public procurement. EU and UK procurement legislation requires public authorities to treat suppliers fairly and equally, and provides remedies where such rules are breached. International market-access agreements such as the WTO Government Procurement Agreement extend those obligations to various other countries, including Singapore. Imposing local level boycotts can damage integration and community cohesion within the United Kingdom, hinder Britain's export trade, and harm foreign relations to the detriment of Britain's economic and international security. They can also be unlawful and lead to severe penalties against the contracting authority and the Government. The guidance reminds public authorities of these important matters.

Public authorities can and do take account of the risks of doing business with particular suppliers during procurement exercises, and may reject a supplier's application where certain exclusion grounds are met. But these decisions have to be made case by case in compliance with the public procurement rules, and must not be discriminatory, as a blanket ban (i.e. a boycott) would be.

The proposed regulations for Local Government pension funds would strengthen local decision making and would no longer require authorities to have regard to central prescription on the way in which their assets are invested, provided that they act reasonably within the framework. Where there is evidence to suggest that an authority is acting unreasonably, it may be appropriate to intervene, but only after full consultation and where this is justified. This power is not intended to fetter the existing right of authorities to make

investment decisions, but they must act lawfully and in the best long-term interests of the fund and therefore of scheme members and taxpayers.

I trust this information is helpful in clarifying the points you raise.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Gummer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Rt Hon Ben Gummer MP



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26 October 2016

Dear Dr Wilkins

Further to my letter of 28th September regarding Oldham Council Resolutions, please find enclosed the Ministerial response I have received in answer to my representations on your behalf regarding 'super rats'.

I hope that you find this response useful. As ever, if there is anything further I can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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18 October 2016

Dear Debbie

Thank you for your letter of 28 September to the Secretary of State on behalf of Dr Wilkins and Oldham Council about 'super rats'. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

We agree that rats can be a problem; that is why there are powers available to local authorities and other authorised persons to kill or take rats. Professional pest controllers with a specialist skill in this area are likely to be the most suited people for this task.

Responsibility for dealing with problems caused by wild rats in England normally rests with the occupier of the land concerned. To address public health risk, the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 obliges local authorities to ensure that their districts are kept, as far as is practicable, free of rats and mice. To enable them to do so, the Act empowers local authorities to serve a notice on landowners or occupiers requiring them to take such steps as may be specified in the notice to destroy rodents on their land.

Rats may become resistant to certain chemical control measures if they are overused and ineffectively deployed such that resistance is allowed to build up in targeted populations. The control of rat populations should never rely solely upon the use of chemical control measures. In addition to the use of chemical control measures, a control programme may also use trapping; environmental and habitat management (restriction of access to food, water and harbourage); and proofing, exclusion and restriction of movement.

Yours sincerely,

Thérèse

DR THERESE COFFEY MP

Jim McMahon OBE MP



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Our Ref: SB/OMBC01002/01160623

31 October 2016

Dear Carolyn

Re: Super Rats

Please find enclosed a copy of what I think is a disappointing and dismissive reply from a DEFRA Minister regarding the current problems with rodents due to the overuse of conventional poisons and the huge cuts in funding that have led to the lack of control.

I don't really the reply is helpful and misses the point about the need to have a plan in place to deal with future problems. Please don't hesitate to get back to me if you would like to respond to the reply.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim".

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18 October 2016

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your letter of 25 July to Sajid Javid MP on behalf of Oldham Council about rodents. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area and apologise for the delay in replying.

We agree that rats can be a problem; that is why there are powers available to local authorities and other authorised persons to kill or take rats. Professional pest controllers with a specialist skill in this area are likely to be the most suited people for this task.

Responsibility for dealing with problems caused by wild rats in England normally rests with the occupier of the land concerned. To address public health risk, the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 obliges local authorities to ensure that their districts are kept, as far as is practicable, free of rats and mice. To enable them to do so, the Act empowers local authorities to serve a notice on landowners or occupiers requiring them to take such steps as may be specified in the notice to destroy rodents on their land.

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Yours sincerely,

Thérèse Coffey
WESTMINSTER OFFICE

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Report to COUNCIL

2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – Response to the Boundary Commission Consultation

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Stretton, Leader of the Council

Officer Contact: Carolyn Wilkins, Chief Executive
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9 November 2016

Reason for Decision

An alternative option is proposed as a submission in response to the Boundary Commission for England to inform their consultation on the review of Parliamentary Constituencies.

Executive Summary

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) announced the start of a review of the Parliamentary constituencies in England. The BCE is required to report to Parliament in September 2018. The BCE have published details of the process that the 2018 Review will follow including the public hearings to be conducted in the autumn.

The BCE have published the Guide for the review which is attached as Appendix 1.

Since the last review, the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 has been introduced. There is now required to be a fixed number of 600 constituencies for the whole of the UK. Currently there are 650 constituencies. The number of constituencies allocated to England for 2018 review is 501. The North West has been allocated 68. Currently, it has 75 constituencies.

Every constituency in England must have an electorate as the review date that is no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507. Currently, the Oldham West and Royton constituency is 71,377 and Oldham East and Saddleworth is 71,057. There are 15,390 electors in the Failsworth East and Failsworth West local government wards in the Ashton-under-Lyne Parliamentary constituency. Full detail on the rules for redistribution of seats is contained in Appendix D of the Guide.

The process:

- a) The BCE published proposals in September 2016 for consultation.
- b) The 2018 Review is being carried out under a new procedure that relies on a combination of written representation and oral representation at public hearings. The hearings are not inquiries. There will be 5 hearings in the North West between mid-October and mid-November 2016.
- c) There will be a 12 week consultation on the BCE's initial proposals. At the end of this period, the BCE will publish representations made and there will be a further 4 week period during which people can submit comments on the representations.
- d) The BCE will then issue a report on each region. If the proposals are revised from the initial proposals, there will be an 8 week period for written representations.
- e) The BCE submits a formal written report to the Government. Parliament then considers implementation.

Recommendations

That Council considers the alternative options as set out in the report.

2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – Response to the Boundary Commission Consultation

1 Background

- 1.1 Oldham Council is opposed to the current proposals set out in the Boundary Commission for England's (BCE) consultation documentation for the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries.
- 1.2 We believe that in drawing up the proposed boundaries the BCE has not taken account of its own guidance as set out in the "*Guide to the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies*".
- 1.3 "According to Rule 5, Schedule 2, the BCE may take the following factors into account when establishing a new map of constituencies:
- Geographical considerations which include size, shape and accessibility of constituencies
 - Local government boundaries as they existed on May 2015
 - Boundaries of existing constituencies
 - Local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies"
- 1.4 It is our view that the BCE has not taken any of these factors into account in the current proposals, as they apply to the twenty wards that make up Oldham Metropolitan Borough.
- There are significant geographical issues in the Boundary Commissions proposals for constituencies containing Oldham wards.
 - The proposals put the Oldham wards into three constituencies alongside wards from within a total of four Local Government Boundaries.
 - The proposals depart drastically from the boundaries of the existing constituencies of Oldham West and Royton and Oldham East and Saddleworth.
 - The proposals break strong community ties that exist within the existing constituencies.
- 1.5 It is clear that the aim of retaining existing constituencies where possible has not been well met in the North West with just 19% of constituencies remaining unchanged. This is most apparent in the east of the Greater Manchester conurbation.

2 **Boundary Commission Proposals**

2.1 **Geography**

- 2.1.1 The size and topography of the proposed Littleborough and Saddleworth constituency creates significant issues of accessibility. Saddleworth is a largely rural district and forms a part of the Peak District National Park and the South Pennines Countryside Character Area.
- 2.1.2 This proposal has not taken physical geographical considerations into account. The areas of population within the proposed constituency are separated by hills, moorland and a major motorway in the M62.
- 2.1.3 Transport links within this proposed constituency are poor. Winter weather conditions in this area can make travel between different towns and villages difficult or even impossible.
- 2.1.4 Because of these barriers, this proposed constituency presents difficulties in affording all constituents the ability to have reasonable access to their MP.
- 2.1.5 The proposed Failsworth and Droylsden constituency draws wards from four existing constituencies, with seven of the ten wards being drawn from Oldham Metropolitan Borough. The constituency stretches from Saddleworth West and Lees (currently in Oldham East and Saddleworth), in a swathe via the central Oldham wards of Alexandra (Oldham East and Saddleworth) and Werneth and then south through Medlock Vale and Hollinwood (these three currently in Oldham West and Royton). It then takes in Failsworth East, Failsworth West, Droylsden East and Droylsden West (these four are currently in the Ashton-under-Lyne constituency) then picks up Audenshaw from the Denton and Reddish Constituency. This creates a seat that draws 66% of its electors from within Oldham Metropolitan Borough.
- 2.1.6 The proposed seat is geographically incoherent. It is difficult to understand where an MP might locate an office that would be easily accessible to the whole of this constituency. For example, if the office were to be in central Oldham, according to Transport for Greater Manchester's journey planner an Audenshaw constituent would face a journey by road, tram and on foot that would take an hour and forty minutes each way. Over 40 minutes of this suggested journey is on foot, which would not be feasible for many constituents, and especially not for those with mobility issues. Similar issues would apply to the siting of a Littleborough and Saddleworth constituency office.

2.2 **Local Authority Boundaries**

- 2.2.1 The three new constituencies proposed for the wards of Oldham Metropolitan Borough are drawn from four local authority areas: Oldham, Manchester, Tameside and Rochdale. It is difficult to accept that local government boundaries have been taken into account. Currently, eighteen of the twenty Oldham wards are split between the Oldham West and Royton and the Oldham East and Saddleworth constituencies. Failsworth East and Failsworth West are the only two Oldham wards not contained within an Oldham constituency and they are in the Ashton-under-Lyne constituency.
- 2.2.2 The proposals across the North West seek to avoid any constituency containing wards from more than two local authority areas. Whilst this is achieved in these proposals it should be noted that the Oldham borough will share its three MPs with three other GM authorities. This brings its own administrative challenges, in particular for elections and especially for election counts when local and parliamentary elections fall on the same day.

2.3 Local Ties

- 2.3.1 Strong local ties have been ignored in these proposals.
- 2.3.2 Separating the two Royton wards is illogical and will be difficult for local people to understand. Prior to the formation of the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham, Royton was a self-controlling Urban District in its own right. After the Reform Act of 1832, Royton became part of the Oldham parliamentary borough constituency. Whilst Royton has found itself in different constituencies since then, the two wards have never been split.
- 2.3.3 Royton still retains its own Town Hall. Under Oldham council's strong commitment to localism, significant funding and decision making is devolved to local District Executives. For this purpose Royton is a two ward District Executive, with six councillors.
- 2.3.4 Roytonians identify with their place as a single town. It has its own town centre with a thriving shopping centre, a busy weekly market, its own library and only this year work was completed on a new Leisure centre.
- 2.3.5 Roytonians are also Oldhamers and are very proud that the name of the current constituency contains the name of their town Royton.
- 2.3.6 The Boundary Commission proposals split Saddleworth West and Lees from Saddleworth North and Saddleworth South. For the purpose of devolved district working the three Saddleworth wards form a single District Executive, with nine members. Saddleworth is parished and has its own civic hall in Uppermill. Although the Lees part of the Saddleworth West and Lees ward is **not** part of the Parish the rest, roughly half of the electorate, is. Saddleworth people do not distinguish between the ward boundaries.
- 2.3.7 It is welcome that these proposals make no attempt to separate the Chaddertons. Splitting these three wards would be as unacceptable as splitting Royton or Saddleworth. Chadderton retains its own Town Hall, its own sports centre within the Health and Wellbeing Centre, has a District shopping centre, and a nine member District Executive.

2.4 Alternative Proposal

- 2.4.1 Oldham is a growing Metropolitan Borough with a relatively young population of almost a quarter of a million people. Our current electoral numbers allow for two parliamentary constituencies wholly contained within Oldham Metropolitan Borough. This two constituency Oldham arrangement allows for the retention of the existing constituency names and involves minimum disruption. It also keeps within the electoral size limit of constituencies having no fewer than 71,031 and no more than 78,507 electors.
- 2.4.2 Creating two constituencies within the Oldham council local government boundaries can be achieved by bringing Failsworth East and Failsworth West into the Oldham West and Royton constituency. This would then necessitate moving one ward from the current Oldham West and Royton constituency into Oldham East and Saddleworth. Our proposal is that this should be the Medlock Vale ward. This configuration of wards is set out in Fig 1 below.
- 2.4.3 This proposal addresses:
- Geographical considerations which include size, shape and accessibility of constituencies
 - Local government boundaries as they existed on May 2015
 - Boundaries of existing constituencies
 - Local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies"

- 2.4.4 It is important to note the rationale, primarily based on community ties, for the exact configuration of our two proposed constituencies.
- 2.4.5 Including Failsworth East and Failsworth West in the Oldham West and Royton constituency would reunite these two wards with Hollinwood, Hollinwood was removed from the Ashton-under-Lyne constituency in the last parliamentary boundary changes. Despite this, the two Failsworth wards retain strong links with Hollinwood. Many parts of the Failsworth East ward are still considered to be Hollinwood by local residents. The famous Housing Units of Hollinwood is actually in Failsworth East. The site of the former Roxy cinema, strongly identified by local people as Hollinwood, is also in Failsworth East.
- 2.4.6 An indicator of the relationship between the Failsworths and Hollinwood is the fact that the three wards retain a single nine member District Executive, which meets in Failsworth Town Hall. Although the geography of District Executives has been reviewed twice since the 2010 general election, members retain a strong preference for this arrangement.
- 2.4.7 Our proposal to include Medlock Vale in the Oldham East and Saddleworth constituency would make for a coherent geographical split between Oldham East and Saddleworth and Oldham West and Royton. There are very strong community links between the Alexandra ward and Medlock Vale. The wards are demographically similar. Both wards were part of the New Deal for Communities initiative in the last decade. NDC leaves as part of its legacy the excellent Honeywell Community Centre, which both communities share. Both communities also see Hathershaw school as their main provider of secondary education. There are strong transport links around the A627.

Fig 1 - Proposed Oldham retaining two MPs

Oldham East and Saddleworth	
Alexandra	6212
Medlock Vale	7845
St James	7556
St Marys	8151
Waterhead	7924
Saddleworth North	7651
Saddleworth South	8030
Saddleworth West & Lees	8246
Crompton	8064
Shaw	7388
	77067
Oldham West and Royton	
Failsworth East	7687
Failsworth West	7386
Hollinwood	7171
Chadderton Central	7782
Chadderton North	8114
Chadderton South	7509
Coldhurst	7933
Werneth	7261
Royton North	7736
Royton South	8105
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- 3 **Options/Alternatives**
- 3.1 Option 1 – Do Nothing.
Option 2 - For Full council to make a submission to the BCE making the case for the alternative Parliamentary Boundaries as set out in the report.
- 4 **Preferred Option**
- 4.1 The preferred option is to support the alternative options as set out in the report.
- 5 **Consultation**
- 5.1 Members of Full Council are asked to consider the contents of the report.
- 6 **Financial Implications**
- 6.1 N/A
- 7 **Legal Services Comments**
- 7.1 The legal process is contained within the body of the report.
8. **Co-operative Agenda**
- 8.1 As set out in the detail of the report.
- 9 **Human Resources Comments**
- 9.1 N/A
- 10 **Risk Assessments**
- 10.1 N/A
- 11 **IT Implications**
- 11.1 N/A
- 12 **Property Implications**
- 12.1 N/A
- 13 **Procurement Implications**
- 13.1 N/A
- 14 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**
- 14.1 N/A
- 15 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**
- 15.1 N/A
- 16 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**

16.1	No
17	Key Decision
17.1	No
18	Key Decision Reference
18.1	N/A
19	Background Papers
19.1	N/A
20	Appendices
20.1	N/A



COUNCIL

OLDHAM DISTRESS FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Jean Stretton, Leader of the Council

Report Author: Mark Stenson, Head of Corporate Governance
Ext. 4783

9th November 2016

Reason for Decision

The decision is for Elected Members to note the Oldham Distress Fund Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31st March 2016.

Executive Summary

1. This report provides the annual report including the financial statements of the Charity publicised on the Charity Commission website for the year ended 31st March 2016.
2. The Oldham Distress Fund is a registered charity operated by Oldham Council with the terms of reference to relieve poverty and hardship of people living in the Borough of Oldham. In 2012 it was utilised in response to the gas explosion which occurred in Shaw in June 2012.

Recommendations

Council is asked to note the Oldham Distress Fund Annual Report including the Financial Statement.

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Oldham Distress Fund

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements

For year ended 31 March 2016

Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees: Oldham Council
Councillor Howard Sykes
Councillor Jean Stretton
Councillor Jenny Harrison

Principal Office: Oldham Council
Civic Centre – Room 422
PO Box 196
West Street
Oldham
OL1 1QJ

Charity Number: 225145

Bankers: Barclays Bank Plc
25 High St
Oldham,
Lancashire
OL1 3AZ

Auditors: N/A

The Trustees present their annual report and unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2016.

Structure, governance and management

The Oldham Distress Fund (the trust) is a registered charity, number 225145. The trust was re-established in 2012 based on the Terms of Reference for the relief of poverty and hardship of people living in the Borough of Oldham in response to the gas explosion which occurred in Shaw in June 2012.

The trust will comprise 3 members of the council appointed by the chief executive under emergency powers. The Chair will be appointed from amongst their number at the meeting.

Constitutional Services for Oldham Council will service the Trust. Meetings of the Oldham Distress Fund will be convened by and attended by Constitutional Services.

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee was paid remuneration in the year.

Risk Management

The major risks, to which the charity is exposed as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

The most significant risk was judged to be misappropriation of funds through fraudulent or inappropriate claims. The trust continues to mitigate this risk through the use of an application form and where appropriate waiting for receipts before payment or dealing with the supplier directly.

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

The objective of the Trust is the relief of poverty and hardship through grants to buy essential items to people living in the Borough of Oldham. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the trust's aims and objectives.

The trust has carried out this objective by making grants to individuals still struggling after the Shaw disaster in 2012.

Financial Review

The Trust has received no income in this financial year. A breakdown of expenditure is as follows:

Category	Amount (£)
Legal Fees/Solicitors Costs	500.00
Payment of Council Tax	1,013.62
Total	1,513.62

Plans for the Future

The remaining funds will be held into the next financial year, and will continue to be distributed to further the aim of the relief of poverty and hardship.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:	
Full name:	
Position (e.g. Secretary, chair etc):	
Date:	

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COUNCIL

Council Calendar 2017/2018

Officer Contact: Paul Entwistle, Director of Legal Services

Report Author: Liz Drogan, Head of Constitutional Services
Ext. 4705

9th November 2016

Reason for Decision

This report sets out the draft calendar of meetings for the 2017/18 municipal year.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The current version of the Council's calendar of meetings for 2017/18 be approved, as set out at Appendix 1.
2. Approval of any outstanding dates or changes to dates be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders.

Council Calendar 2017/18

1 Background

1.1 This report sets out the draft Calendar for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

2 Options/Alternatives

2.1 The Council is entitled to amend any of the dates in the calendar, but should note it is required to approve a version of the calendar at its annual meeting.

3 Preferred Option

3.1 To approve the calendar as set out in Appendix 1.

4 Consultation

4.1 Consultation has taken place with relevant officers and councillors.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 n/a

6 Legal Services Comments

6.1 There are no legal comments (Paul Entwistle).

7 Human Resources Comments

7.1 There are no human resources issues.

8 Risk Assessments

8.1 A risk assessment is not required.

9 IT Implications

9.1 There are no IT implications.

10 Property Implications

10.1 There are no property implications.

11 Procurement Implications

11.1 There are no procurement implications.

12 Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

12.1 There are no environmental or health and safety implications.

13 Equality, community cohesion and crime implications

13.1 There are no community cohesion implications.

14 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**

14.1 No

17 **Key Decision**

17.1 No

18 **Key Decision Reference**

18.1 n/a

19 **Background Papers**

19.1 The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act:

Council's calendar of meetings 2017/18
Liz Drogan tel: 0161 770 4705
Level 4 Civic Centre
Oldham
OL1 1UL

20 **Appendices**

20.1 Appendix 1 – Council Calendar 2017/18

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

1 MAY 2017 - 1 JUNE 2018

DRAFT VERSION TO COUNCIL ON 9 NOVEMBER 2016

MAY, 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Bank Holiday	2	3	4 GM Mayoral Election (Subject to Statutory Confirmation)	5
8	9	10	11	12
15 5.30 pm Liberal Democrat Group	16	17 12.00 noon (Annual), Council	18	19
22	23	24 6.00 pm Planning	25	26
29 Bank Holiday (Half-term Starts)	30	31		

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*27 May – start of Ramadan – subject to confirmation

JUNE, 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2 (Half-term ends)
5 3.30 pm Leadership	6 9.30 am Licensing Committee 6.00 pm Shaw and Crompton DE 6.00 pm East Oldham DE	7	8 9.30 am Appeals (Provisional) 5.00 pm TRO	9 Whit Friday
12 6.00 pm Royton DE	13 9.30 am Licensing Driver Panel 6.00 pm O&S Board	14 6.00 pm West Oldham DE 6.30 pm Chadderton DE	15 7.00 pm Failsworth and Hollinwood DE 7.00 pm Saddleworth and Lees DE	16
19 3.30 pm Leadership 6.00 pm Cabinet	20 9.30 am Licensing Panel 2.00 pm Local NJC	21 6.00 pm Planning	22 4.00 pm Standards	23
26	27 2.00 pm Health and Wellbeing Board 5.30 pm Unity Partnership Board	28 6.00 pm Youth Mayor Making Ceremony	29 6.00 pm Performance and Value for Money Select Committee	30

*25 June – Eid al Fitr – subject to confirmation

JULY, 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 9.30 am Licensing Driver Panel 6.00 pm Health Scrutiny LGA Conference	5 LGA Conference	6 9.30 am Appeals (Provisional) LGA Conference	7
10 3.30 pm Leadership	11 9.30 am Licensing Panel	12 6.00 pm Council	13	14
17 4.30 pm Audit Committee (Final Accounts) 6.00 pm Royton DE	18 6.00 pm O&S Board	19 6.00 pm Planning	20 7.00 pm Failsworth and Hollinwood DE 7.00 pm Saddleworth and Lees DE	21 (Summer Half Term begins)
24 3.30 pm Leadership 6.00 pm Cabinet	25 2.00 pm Health and Wellbeing Board 6.00 pm East Oldham DE 6.00 pm Shaw and Crompton DE	26 6.00 pm West Oldham DE 6.30 pm Chadderton DE	27 5.00 pm TRO	28
31 Recess begins				

AUGUST, 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18 Recess Ends
21 3.30 pm Leadership 6.00 pm Cabinet	22	23 6.00 pm Planning	24 6.00 pm Performance and Value for Money Select Committee	25
28 Bank Holiday	29	30	31	

SEPTEMBER, 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Eid Al Adha
4 3.30 pm Leadership (Summer Half Term Ends)	5 9.30 am Licensing Driver Panel 6.00 pm O&S Board	6	7 9.30 am Appeals (Provisional) 6.00 pm Audit	8
11	12 9.30 am Licensing Panel 5.30 pm Unity Partnership Board	13 6.00 pm Council	14 4.00 pm Standards	15
18 3.30 Leadership 6.00 Cabinet Liberal Democrat Party Conference	19 2.00 pm Health and Wellbeing Board Liberal Democrat Party Conference	20 6.00 pm Planning Liberal Democrat Party Conference	21 5.30 pm TRO Party Conference Season	22 Party Conference Season
25 Labour Party Conference	26 6.00 pm Health Scrutiny Labour Party Conference	27 Labour Party Conference	28 Party Conference Season	29 Party Conference Season

OCTOBER, 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Conservative Party Conference	3 9.30 am Licensing Driver Panel Conservative Party Conference	4 Conservative Party Conference	5 9.30 am Appeals (Provisional) Party Conference Season	6 Party Conference Season
9 3.30 pm Leadership	10 2.00 pm Local NJC 6.00 pm East Oldham DE 6.00 pm Shaw and Crompton DE	11 6.00 pm West Oldham DE 6.30 pm Chadderton DE	12 7.00 pm Failsworth and Hollinwood DE 7.00 pm Saddleworth and Lees DE	13
16 6.00 pm Royton DE	17 9.30 am Licensing Panel 6.00 pm O&S Board	18	19 6.00 pm Performance and Value for Money Select Committee	20
23 3.30 pm Leadership 6.00 pm Cabinet	24 2.00 pm Health and Wellbeing Board	25 6.00 pm Planning	26	27
30 (Half-term starts)	31			

NOVEMBER, 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3 (Half-term ends)
6 3.30 pm Leadership	7 9.30 am Licensing Committee 6.00 pm Health Scrutiny	8 6.00 pm Council	9 9.30 am Appeals (Provisional) 6.00 pm Performance and Value for Money Select Committee – Administration Budget	10
13	14 9.30 am Licensing Driver Panel 5.30 pm Unity Partnership Board	15	16	17
20 3.30 pm Leadership 6.00 pm Cabinet	21 9.30 am Licensing Panel 6.00 pm Performance and Value for Money Select Committee – Opposition Budget	22 6.00 pm Planning	23	24
27 6.00 pm Royton DE	28 6.00 pm O&S Board	29 6.00 pm West Oldham DE 6.30 pm Chadderton DE	30 7.00 pm Failsworth and Hollinwood DE 7.00 pm Saddleworth and Lees DE	

12 November – Remembrance Sunday

DECEMBER, 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4 3.30 pm Leadership 6.00 pm Cabinet (Budget)	5 9.30 am Licensing Driver Panel 6.00 pm East Oldham DE 6.00 pm Shaw and Crompton DE	6	7 9.30 am Appeals (Provisional) 6.00 pm Audit	8
11 5.00 pm TRO	12 9.30 am Licensing Panel 2.00 pm Health and Wellbeing Board	13 6.00 pm Council	14 4.00 pm Standards 6.00 pm Performance and Value for Money Select Committee	15
18 (Half-term Starts) 3.30 pm Leadership 6.00 pm Cabinet	19 2.00 pm Local NJC 6.00 pm Health Scrutiny	20 6.00 pm Planning	21	22
25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29

JANUARY, 2018				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Bank Holiday	2 (Half-Term ends)	3	4	5
8 3.30 pm Leadership	9 9.30 am Licensing Driver Panel	10	11 9.30 am Appeals (Provisional)	12
15 6.00 pm Royton DE	16 9.30 am Licensing Panel 6.00 pm O&S Board	17 6.00 pm West Oldham DE 6.30 pm Chadderton DE	18 7.00 pm Failsworth and Hollinwood DE 7.00 pm Saddleworth and Lees DE	19
22 3.30 pm Leadership 6.00 pm Cabinet	23 2.00 pm Health and Wellbeing Board 6.00 pm East Oldham DE 6.00 pm Shawn and Crompton DE	24 6.00 pm Planning	25 6.00 pm – Performance and Value for Money Select Committee – Administration Budget	26
29	30 6.00 pm Health Scrutiny	31		

FEBRUARY, 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 9.30 am Appeals (Provisional)	2
5 3.30 pm Leadership	6 9.30 am Licensing Driver Panel 6.00 pm Performance and Value for Money Select Committee – Opposition Budget	7	8	9
12 (Half-term Starts)	13	14	15	16 (Half-term Ends)
19 3.30 pm Leadership 6.00 pm Cabinet (Budget)	20 9.30 am Licensing Panel 5.30 pm Unity Partnership Board	21 6.00 pm Planning	22	23 6.45 – Civic and Charity Ball
26 6.00 pm Cabinet	27 2.00 pm Health and Wellbeing Board	28 6.00 pm Council (Budget)		

MARCH, 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 9.30 am Appeals (Provisional) 6.00 pm Audit Committee	2
5 6.00 pm Royton DE	6 9.30 am Licensing Committee 6.00 pm O&S Board	7	8 6.00 pm Performance and Value for Money Select Committee	9
12 3.30 pm Leadership 5.00 pm TRO	13 9.30 am Licensing Driver Panel 6.00 pm East Oldham DE 6.00 pm Shaw and Crompton DE	14 6.00 pm West Oldham DE 6.30 pm Chadderton DE	15 7.00 pm Failsworth and Hollinwood DE 7.00 pm Saddleworth and Lees DE	16
19	20 9.30 am Licensing Panel 2.00 pm Local NJC 6.00 pm Health Scrutiny	21 6.00 pm Planning	22 4.00 pm Standards	23
26 3.30 pm Leadership 6.00 pm Cabinet	27 2.00 pm Health and Wellbeing Board	28 6.00 pm Council	29	30 Good Friday – Bank Holiday (Half-term Starts)

APRIL, 2018				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Easter Monday Bank Holiday	3	4	5	6
9 3.30 pm Leadership	10	11	12 9.30 am Appeals (Provisional)	13 (Half-Term Ends)
16	17 9.30 am Licensing Driver Panel	18 6.00 pm Planning	19	20
23 3.30 pm Leadership 6.00 pm Cabinet	24 9.30 am Licensing Panel	25	26	27
30				

MAY, 2018				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3 Elections	4
7 Bank Holiday	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23 12.00 noon Council (Annual)	24	25
28 Bank Holiday	29	30	31	

* Ramadan starts 16th May 2018 – subject to confirmation