

EAST OLDHAM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE
09/10/2018 at 6.00 pm



Present: Councillor Qumer (Chair)
Councillors Ahmad, Ball, Cosgrove, Dean, A Hussain, Mushtaq
and Price

Also in Attendance:

Andy Collinge	Head of Education Support Services
Kaidy McCann	Constitutional Services
Zubair Seedat	Community Development Officer
Simon Shuttleworth	District Co-ordinator
Andrew Sutherland	Director of Education and Early Years
David Tucker	Oldham District Case Worker

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G
Alexander, Chauhan and Harrison.

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 17th July
2018 be approved as a correct record.

6 UPDATE ON EDUCATION PROVISION

Consideration was given to a verbal presentation of the Director
of Education and Early Years and the Head of Education
Support Services on the plans around Education in East
Oldham, with a particular focus on Oasis Leesbrook and
Clarksfield School.

Members were informed that the Academy Conversion of
Clarksfield School to become part of the Oasis Community
Learning Trust was on track to be completed in December 2018
/ January 2019. It was noted that £3.3 million of investment had
been provided for the building, including £1 million allocated
from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

Members were informed that the Previous Head of Oasis
Academy Limeside had been overseeing the development of the

school which has already had great signs of improvements. Members noted that the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) for Clarksfield School would be increasing by a 1 form entry (30 pupils per year group) by Easter 2019. This would give a total PAN of 90 pupils per year group.



Members asked whether Clarksfield School would be going to the Planning Committee, they were advised that the school currently has four floors and that the swimming pool would be removed. It was stated that information is being collated and that it would be passed to Members. It was noted that the landscape around the school was looking to be changed as those working on the project want to make it an attractive setting.

Members stated that discussions need to take place within the community around the school and that there needs to be community representation. . Members were informed that Oasis hold a number of community events around their schools. An Interim Executive Board (IEB) was currently in place until December 2018 which included the Executive Director for Economy, Skills and Neighbourhood. Oasis have stated that they want the IEB to continue however they will be a slight personnel change.

Members were informed that Ofsted had recently been in contact with the Local Authority to state that they were satisfied with the progress of Clarksfield School.

Members were informed that the Oasis Leesbrook ESFA build was currently on track to be completed and opened by 2020. It was noted that the current building that the school occupies needs to be vacated by 2020.

Members commented on the location on the new school and the fact the intake for the school would bring in children from Lees that would otherwise attend Saddleworth School. It was noted that the intake for September 2018 90% of the pupils were South East Asian due to the demographics of the area. It was stated that the new school should have a diverse population due to the location.

Members enquired about Waterhead Academy and the progress it has made. Members were concerned that the development of Oasis Leesbrook might impact on the intake at Waterhead Academy, and asked that efforts were made to ensure that both schools were as attractive as possible to people in different parts of the District. Members were informed that investment has been provided to support Waterhead Academy and their aim was to become a Good school. It was noted that the introduction of the new curriculum had affected the outcomes for lots of schools, and that Waterhead Academy is learning from last year.

RESOLVED that the information presented to the District Executive be noted.

EAST OLDHAM DISTRICT PLAN AND BUDGET UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the District Co-Ordinator which set out the current budget position and recommendations on funding allocations.



The report provided Members with the revised District Plan for 2018-2019 which is the Annual work plan created each municipal year. Members were advised that the priorities for 2018-19 included:

1. Improving the Environment.
2. Anti-poverty and Supporting People in Need.
3. Improving Health and Wellbeing.
4. Community Engagement and Activities.
5. Open Space, Community and Recreational Facilities.
6. People feeling safe in their Local Area.

Members commented on an action under Priority 2, continuing to support the provision of the Citizen's Advice Bureau and stated that the services needed to be funded centralised as it is a Borough wide service. Members were informed that it would be brought forward to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services.

Members were provided with an update on the Off the Record Counselling Service. Members were informed that Officers had met with the service and that the referrals coming from out of the District was due to an admin error. Members commented that the service that was provided was very good and it allowed for children and young people who didn't quite meet the criteria for other services to refer themselves. It was noted that the number of young people benefitting the service was low, therefore Members could not justify the cost. Members stated that funding for the service also needs to be centralised and queried if this was something the Health and Wellbeing Board could look into.

RESOLVED that:

1. The updates on the Budget be noted.
2. The following allocations be agreed:
 - a. Grit Bins - £2,985.60
 - b. Period Poverty – £2,000
 - c. Derker Tree Planting - £1,970
 - d. Hathershaw Alley Gates - £2,000
 - e. Alexandra Ward Grass Verge Work - £5,000
3. The revised District Plan for 2018-19 be approved.
4. It be recommended that the consideration of the Off the Record Counselling Service be referred to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

PETITIONS

The District Executive gave consideration to two petitions that had been received:

- Reference 2018-11: Objection to Greengate Street Masjid becoming a full time school or college (St Mary's Ward) received on 11th July 2018 with 77 signatures.
- Reference 2018-13: Problems with Access to Properties Glenridding Close (St Mary's Ward) received on 3rd August 2018 with 11 signatures.



RESOLVED that the Petitions be Noted.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the East Oldham District Executive to be held on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 6.00 pm be noted.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.48 pm