

***WEST OLDHAM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE  
Agenda***

Date Wednesday 10 October 2018

Time 6.00 pm

Venue Crompton Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE WEST OLDHAM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Councillors Akhtar, Azad, F Hussain, Iqbal, Jabbar, Malik, Rehman, Toor (Chair) and Ur-Rehman

Item No

1 Apologies For Absence

2           Urgent Business

Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair

3           Declarations of Interest

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

4           Public Question Time

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

5           Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 4)

The Minutes of the West Oldham District Executive held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 are attached for approval.

6           Policing in West Oldham (Pages 5 - 6)

7           Highways Maintenance (Pages 7 - 32)

8           West Oldham District Budget Report (Pages 33 - 40)

9           Petitions

This is a standing item regarding petitions received relating to the West Oldham area for consideration by the District Executive in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme.

There are no Petitions to note.

10          Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the West Oldham District Executive will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6.00 pm.

**WEST OLDHAM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**  
**25/07/2018 at 6.00 pm**



**Present:** Councillors Akhtar, Iqbal and Malik

Also in Attendance:

Fabiola Fuschi

Constitutional Services Officer

Zaiem Khan

West Oldham District Co-ordinator

Andrew Sutherland

Director of Education and Early  
Years

Paula Green

Education Provision Manager

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F. Hussain, Jabbar, Toor and Ur-Rehman.

In the absence of Councillor Toor, Councillor Malik chaired the meeting.

**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**

Two public questions had been submitted by Mr. Mohibur Rahman via email for this evening's meeting. The questions were:

*"1. What is Oldham council doing to invite/engage MATs with suitable experience of running successful inner city multicultural schools/academies to bid for the new Free School under discussion, or is it a foregone conclusion?"*

*2. What is the council doing to address the unjust admissions policy it is administering on behalf of academies that have made it policy to not give equal and fair access to all residents of Oldham, but rather discriminate by ward which then indirectly discriminates by ethnicity? By moving most good schools into the Broadway corridor and then making distance from school one of the top criteria is complete injustice. Some wards have access to several good schools, other have none."*

The Chair explained that the Director of Education and Early Years had been invited to attend this evening's meeting to provide an update on the provision of secondary school places in Oldham town centre. The content of the presentation should address the issues raised by Mr. Rahman via his two questions.

**5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the West Oldham District Executive meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be approved as a correct record.

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## **DISCUSSION ON HIGH SCHOOL PROVISION IN OLDHAM**

Consideration was given to a presentation of the Director of Education and Early Years regarding the provision and allocation of secondary school places in Oldham.

The Director of Education and Early Years was accompanied by the Education Provision Manager who provided information concerning Oldham's demographics and the geography of demand for school places in the Borough.

It was explained that during the last few years, the Council had expanded the number of places available to pupils in primary schools to meet the increase in demand. Currently, the demand for primary school places was projected in East Oldham and Chadderton; this was due to the fact that new generations seemed to move to these areas. Consequently, feasibility studies were ongoing to evaluate the option of creating one new form entry in Chadderton and two new form entries in East Oldham.

With regard to the expansion of secondary school places, it was reported that a sharp increase in demand had been felt for the first time last year. Consequently, two full year groups Year 7 and Year 8 would be accommodated at Oasis Academy Leesbrook's temporary building from September this year, before a brand new purpose-built school would open in 2020. However, according to demand projection, in 2022, the Borough would still be short of secondary school places in East and West Oldham. As the Department of Education had reopened Free School applications, it was hoped that a successful Multi Academy Trust (MAT) would make an application for a new secondary school expected to reopen in 2022. The Council had been in discussion with a number of MATS and was currently considering appropriate sites for a new secondary school in the centre of Oldham. Appraised sites would be brought to the attention of the Cabinet Members for their consideration.

The District Executive was informed that there were several Trusts interested in building new schools in Oldham. However, the School Commissioner would favourably look at those applications supported by the Local Authority.

A report would be presented to Cabinet within the next four – six weeks. By January 2019 it would be possible to know whether the application has been accepted. The building would be in Central Oldham to respond to the challenges identified.

With regard to the admission policy and the concerns raised by Mr. Rahman in his second question, a meeting would take place tomorrow morning with the Cranmer Education Trust; the

instance for greater transparency in their admission policy would be reinforced.

Members sought and received clarification / commented on the following points:

- Primary expansion and reliability of data analysis about areas with the highest projected demand for primary school places. Members explained that there was no more capacity for school places in Werneth and this was having an effect in Chadderton (new housing development in Werneth) – It was explained that data had been provided by Business Intelligence that had looked at demographics and housing development in Foxdenton, Chadderton.
- Hathershaw College's amendments to its admission policy and shortage of secondary school places within walking distance from Central Werneth and Coppice. Resources could be used in Central Oldham as the demand for school places was high – It was explained that having more partner primary schools required a lengthy consultation process.
- Deadline for Trusts' application – It was explained that no deadline had been yet confirmed.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The content of the presentation be noted;
2. Further information be provided by Business Intelligence on the geography of projected primary school demand;
3. Officers highlight Elected Members' concerns regarding admission policy at Hathershaw's to its leadership team.

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## **HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE**

**RESOLVED** that, in the absence of the relevant officer, the report be deferred to the next meeting of the District Executive.

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## **WEST OLDHAM DISTRICT BUDGET REPORT**

Consideration was given to a report of the West Oldham District Coordinator which sought approval of the district priorities for 2018-20. The report also required agreement of the funding allocations for alleygating in Medlock Vale and Werneth, the maintenance of sports resources in Fitton Hill and grit bin refills in the three wards.

It was reported that, in addition to the district priorities identified in 2016, some emerging priorities were being considered:

1. Access to school places for families living in West Oldham;
2. Demand for affordable housing in West Oldham;
3. Review of community facilities in Werneth;
4. Drug dealing and associated crimes.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The content of the report be noted;
2. The district priorities for 2018-20 be agreed;

3. The allocation of £3,160 revenue funding (Coldhurst, Medlock Vale and Werneth wards) be agreed for grit bin refills;
4. The allocation of £ 20,000 capital funding (Medlock Vale and Werneth wards) be agreed for alleygating;
5. The allocation of £2,772 revenue funding (Medlock Vale ward) be agreed to support Fitton Hill and Hathershaw Bulldogs.

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#### **PETITIONS**

There were no new petitions to note.

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#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the next meeting of the West Oldham District Executive take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 6 p.m.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.42 pm



## **Briefing to West Oldham District Executive**

# **Policing in West Oldham**

### **Portfolio Holder:**

**Cllr A UrRehman Cabinet Member for Police and Community Safety**

**Officer Contact: Helen Lockwood, Deputy Chief Executive – People and Place**

**Report Author: Zaiem Khan  
Ext. 5162**

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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### **Reason for report**

The District Executive has highlighted the concern raised by local residents about Policing in West Oldham and would like to have a discussion with a Senior officer from GMP Oldham Division to discuss the issues.

### **Recommendations**

The District Executive notes the outcome of the discussion.

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**Briefing to West Oldham District Executive**

## **Highways Maintenance**

**Portfolio Holder:**

**Cllr A Shah Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods Services**

**Officer Contact: Helen Lockwood, Deputy Chief Executive –  
People and Place**

**Report Author: Zaiem Khan  
Ext. 5162**

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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### **Reason for report**

The District Executive has highlighted the condition of local roads as a key issue for residents and would like to have a discussion about the Highways Maintenance strategy for minor roads.

### **Recommendations**

The District Executive notes the outcome of the discussion.

## **Highways Maintenance**

### **1 Background**

- 1.1 The District Executive has highlighted the condition of local roads as a key issue for residents and would like to have a discussion about the Highways Maintenance strategy for minor roads.
- 1.2 Last year's wet summer and the following very cold / wet winter weather have taken a toll on the over 800 kilometres of adopted highway that the Council maintain.

### **2 Highways Improvement Programme 2018**

- 2.1 We're prioritising improvements to the borough's roads as part of our major £6.2m Highways Improvement Programme 2018. The 12-month programme of works is designed to ensure the surfaces of our streets, roads and cul-de-sacs are high quality, durable and safe - supporting residents and motorists. Specialist teams will be out across Oldham making sure hundreds of kilometres of carriageway are fit for purpose and brought up to standard. For more information on the roads and streets included on the programme.
- 2.2 The Oldham Highway Asset Management, Policy Framework and Strategy is attached and is reviewed and agreed the Council.

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## **Oldham Highway Asset Management, Policy, Framework and Strategy**

**January 2017**

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Oldham Council recognises the importance of its highway infrastructure and how an effectively maintained and managed network contributes to the achievement of its corporate goals. It understands that effective asset management is a platform to deliver clarity around standards and levels of service, and to make best use of its available resources.

The Highway Asset Management Strategy sets out how the Council will best manage the Highway Network taking into consideration customer needs, local priorities, asset condition and best use of available resources. Oldham Council has been working on implementing asset management principles for a number of years in its programme delivery which has helped develop and optimise the current strategy.

The strategy covers the connectivity for local business and communities. This includes integrating the extensive public transport network including integration of the recently constructed Manchester Metrolink.

This document presents the Council's Strategy for the management of the Council's highway assets as at August 2015 (reviewed January 2017) and allows planning for the longer term.

The strategy will include alignment to the Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) objectives including the incorporation of the Manchester Key Route Network (KRN) within the Oldham Gateway Corridor Programme, and 24 Hour Repair Promise.

It has been produced following the assessment of customer needs, local priorities and asset condition, taking into account agreed service levels depending on factors such as route, asset type, corporate and political objectives. It also ensures that both short and long term asset needs are appropriately considered, whilst delivering a minimum whole life cost approach to our highway assets.

This strategy covers all highway maintenance activities funded by revenue and capital streams. It does not directly relate to capital improvements but where linkages exist these are identified. The strategy will be used to inform the Highway Maintenance Schemes that are to be implemented within Oldham Council's rolling 3 year Transport Capital Programme and how overall maintenance of all highways assets is identified, risk managed, and prioritised.

The Highway Asset Management Strategy will also be used to inform priorities in the business planning process and will support the continuous improvement of highway asset management itself.

The Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Guidance published by UK Roads Liaison Group (UKRLG) sets out a framework which describes all asset management activities and processes that are necessary to develop, document, implement and continually improve asset management practices. These activities and the approach to their delivery should be clearly documented and accessible to relevant stakeholders, but the guidance recognises that individual authorities need to be flexible in the application of the framework to accommodate their own requirements.

The guidance recommends that the framework is developed by individual highway authorities to meet their needs, aspirations and their current position along the **asset management journey**.

The Asset Management Framework illustrated below can be used to understand the context of asset management practices in Oldham.

Context	<a href="#">National Transport Policy</a>	<a href="#">Local Transport Policy GMLTP - Oldham LTP Capital Settlement</a>	<a href="#">Corporate Vision Oldham Council Corporate Plan 2015-2020</a>
	<a href="#">Stakeholder Expectations NHT Customer Surveys CQC Benchmarking</a>	<a href="#">Political Commitment Recognised effective alignment with Key Members (incl Leader) and Senior Officers</a>	<a href="#">Financial CIPFA Guidelines Challenge Fund Incentive Funding GM CCAG funding</a>

Asset Management planning	<b>Strategic Asset Management Planning</b>
	<p>Asset Management Policy: Incorporating principles and vision</p> <p>Asset Management Strategy: Long-term approach, objectives, outcomes</p> <p>Performance / Service Levels</p>
Asset Management planning	<b>Tactical Asset Management Planning</b>
	<p>Asset Hierarchy: a road hierarchy specific to Oldham's needs is currently in use, but may need to be amended to better reflect Oldham's current requirements.</p> <p>Asset Data &amp; Information: routine data collection for all assets, including a rolling programme of carriageway, drainage, footways, structures and other key asset types such as street lighting and road furniture</p> <p>Lifecycle Planning: carried out analysis and secured additional funding for major asset types (e.g. Carriageways, Footways, Structures)</p> <p>Levels of service: setting performance levels will be a priority for Oldham</p> <p>Works Programmes: developing work programmes based on prioritization process and balance of preventative, planned and reactive maintenance</p>

Enablers	<b>Asset Management Enablers</b>
	<p>Leadership &amp; Commitment</p> <p>Asset Management Information Systems</p> <p>Performance Monitoring – Benchmarking, Performance Review &amp; Continuous Improvement</p> <p>Resourcing &amp; Supply Chain Management</p> <p>Risk Management</p> <p>Collaboration &amp; Communication</p>

Delivery	<b>Operations &amp; Service Delivery</b>
	<p>Routine &amp; Cyclic, Reactive and Planned Maintenance</p> <p>Delivery of Projects – Capital Programme Delivery</p> <p>Safety &amp; Serviceability Inspections</p> <p>Asset Management Improvement Action Plans</p>

Oldham Council is committed to adopting an asset management approach for the borough highway network in order to support the Council's vision:

**“Working for a co-operative borough”**

The Council places a high significance on its transport network, its most valuable asset. The network is vital to the economic wellbeing of our residents and businesses. The comfort and safety provided by our roads and streets is important to the quality of life in Oldham.

As a highway authority, Oldham Council has a statutory duty to maintain, operate and improve the highway network on behalf of all its customers. We aim to do this through providing high value services in a legally and environmentally compliant and sustainable manner, without compromising the health and safety of our employees or customers.

Our focus will be on achieving the following outcomes:

**A safe network**

- complying with our obligations to maintain safety
- helping users to feel safe

**A serviceable network**

- ensuring the highways network remains available for users
- achieving and maintaining desired degree of integrity as per network hierarchy
- maintaining appropriate levels of reliability and journey times
- achieving and maintaining a target level of service for all major assets

**A sustainable network**

- optimizing efficiencies and value for money through strategic asset management
- maximising value to the community through sustainable economic development
- maximising environmental contribution
- efficient use of natural resources

We will achieve these by developing strategies, plans and processes that will:

- define desired levels of service for highway assets, in consultation with key stakeholders.
- adopt a life-cycle approach to planning asset investment and management decisions
- balance competing needs across the highway network and select options that best meet desired outcomes
- monitor, evaluate and, where required, improve service delivery



- manage the risks of asset ownership and operation to ensure continuity of service
- provide for present needs whilst sustaining natural resources for future generations
- adopt a continuous improvement approach to asset management policies and practices
- empower and motivate the entire workforce involved in the operation and maintenance of the highway network
- adopting collaborative and joint working initiatives to deliver effective and efficient services and share best practice opportunities

This policy will be kept under review and subject to change in the light of external or organisational drivers and developments in applicable fields, such as technology, operational tactics or asset care techniques and updates of approved codes of practice.

Oldham Council operates an Environmental Management System which is externally accredited to ISO14001 standard. This EMS already meets a number of the objectives listed above.

This strategy sets out how our medium and longer term objectives for managing the highway infrastructure asset will be met via various processes depending on the particular asset, its ongoing condition and the required level of service. It is aligned with Oldham Council's Corporate Plan 2015 – 2020, the objectives of the Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan 3, and the Greater Manchester Growth Fund. It will link to the new Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 and the new draft GM Highways Strategy when complete.

As set out in The Corporate Plan – working for a co-operative borough, the 3 key corporate objectives are:

- **A productive place** where business and enterprise thrive
- Confident communities where **everyone does their bit**
- A co-operative council **delivering good value services** to support a co-operative borough

Within the first key objective for example, there is the stated outcome of:

*“Open for business – to make Oldham a place to invest and do business”*

It is further stated *“maintain and continue to invest in our highways and transport infrastructure to enable the movement of people and goods, in, around and out of the borough. For example secure additional funding for highways maintenance and development; delivery of the 24 – hour repair pledge on agreed routes....”*

This highlights the integration of highways asset management within the council's investment and regeneration agenda.

### **The Wider Transport Assets**

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) is the public body responsible for co-ordinating public transport services throughout Greater Manchester. The strategies and policies of Transport for Greater Manchester are set by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and its Transport for Greater Manchester Committee.

Transport for Greater Manchester is responsible for investments in improving transport services and facilities, and supporting the largest regional economy outside London. It is the executive arm of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee, which funds and makes policies for TfGM. The authority is made up of 33 councillors appointed from the ten Greater Manchester districts (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan).

On the day of its inauguration TfGM became the second most powerful and influential transport organisation in England, after Transport for London, because it unites previously disparate governance over transport policy in the boroughs under one body. It elects its own Chair and Vice-Chair and assumes the functions previously performed by Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority as well as the newly devolved transport powers and responsibilities from Government and the 10 Metropolitan Councils that make up Greater Manchester. The 33 councillors have voting rights on most transport issues despite not being members of the GMCA, though major decisions still require approval by the GMCA. The functions that are referred (but not delegated) to the TfGMC include making recommendations in relation to:

- The budget and transport levy
- Borrowing limit
- Major and strategic transport policies
- The local transport plan (GMLTP)
- Operation of Greater Manchester Transport Fund and approval of new schemes
- Appointment of Director General/Chief Executive of TfGM

In addition, two functions are delegated solely to the TfGMC without requiring GMCA approval, namely road safety under Section 39, Road Traffic Act 1988 and traffic management under Sections 16-17, Traffic Management Act 2004.

### **GM Key Route Network (KRN)**

An outline proposal for the definition and management of the GM Key Route Network (KRN) was approved by GMCA on 27 February 2015. The report established the Strategic Case for the integrated management of the KRN, defined the proposed network and included initial proposals for the governance and operating model. A series of next steps were identified in order to take the proposal forward.

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) on behalf of GMCA would take the lead role and responsibility for the KRN, including preparing capital budgets for network development and structural maintenance programmes. In-addition they would prepare funding bids, identify scheme options for prioritising projects and undertake feasibility work.

In Oldham the KRN is effectively the A class routes and some selected other classified routes, currently entitled the Gateway Corridor Routes (with 24 Hour Repair Promise in place) and some of the Secondary Corridor routes.

Oldham will continue to proactively engage with TfGM at the highest levels to ensure that the delivery of Oldham's current and ongoing objectives as regards its Gateway Corridor approach are maintained and align with TfGM's KRN objectives, and optimise where Oldham can continue to provide appropriate highways asset management and delivery expertise.

The following table outlines the asset groups within the Council network and the quantity where available:

ASSET GROUP	ASSET ELEMENTS	Quantity
Carriageways	Carriageways, road markings and street cleaning	829km Carriageway
Footways and Cycleways	Footways, Cycleways (dedicated and shared use), hard paved verges, footway gullies and street cleaning	1099km footway 11.2km cycle track
Lighting	Columns, lamps, cabling, feeder pillars, illuminated signs, subway lights, illuminated bollards, high mast lighting columns, footbridge lighting	28,930 street lights and illuminated street furniture
Signs, Barriers and Street Furniture	Advance direction signs, direction signs, warning signs, information signs, sign posts, street name plates, non-illuminated bollards, seats, highway fences, pedestrian barriers, safety barriers, and other street furniture	Street Signs: 6046 Traffic Signs: 38737
Bridges & Other Highway Structures	Bridges, subways, culverts, retaining walls, tunnels, steps, river walls & revetments	62km culverts 146 highways bridges 90 foot bridges 21km retaining walls
Drainage	highway drainage – gully pits, manholes, etc.	46,300 road gullies
Winter Maintenance	Salt Storage areas and grit bins	600+ grit bins

## Asset Condition

Customer and Council preferences indicate that managing the condition of the carriageway assets is a priority, as it is perceived as being the asset with most need for improvement and in more need of attention. This has been acknowledged in creating this strategy for each asset as outlined below.

The current condition of the network is summarised in the table below:

ASSET GROUP	CONDITION
Carriageways	Asset condition is average considering the network as a whole; the network condition indicators are comparable with neighbouring Greater Manchester authorities.

Footways and Cycleways	Mostly existing in urban areas and largely bituminous. Approximately 35% of footways could be considered for maintenance - condition information is being completely updated currently within highways asset system
Lighting	A substantial Street Lighting replacement programme is ongoing to replace the existing ageing stock. The programme started in September 2011 and is complete in July 2016 when 80% of the street lighting and illuminated signs have been replaced.
Signs, Barriers and Street Furniture	Asset condition is average considering the network as a whole; however condition information is being updated currently.
Bridges & Other Highway Structures	Bridges and major structures maintained under a 'steady state' approach with risk-based inspections, mainly regular cyclical maintenance and reactive works as necessary. Second major capital retaining wall replacement programme recently completed 2013. Significant capital works on KRN structures via match funded Challenge Fund currently.
Drainage	Generally average condition, undergoing significant systematic improvement
Winter Maintenance	Grit Bins generally good condition

In the application of the strategy it is important to recognise that the unavailability of certain routes and infrastructure would have a greater impact on Oldham's economy and communities than others. Developing an asset hierarchy helps to identify critical highway infrastructure which forms a crucial part of the highway network, and whose management may need to be prioritised over that of other routes where the impact of non-availability is significantly lower. Applying this revised asset hierarchy can help address this issue, and ensure the needs, priorities and actual use of each road in the network is considered when developing a maintenance strategy.

Oldham did manage the carriageways asset according to a hierarchy based on Well Maintained Highways Code of Practice as set out in the table below:

While this hierarchy is a useful starting point, it is worth noting road classification should not be used as the sole basis for developing a hierarchy, as there may be differences between the classification of the road and its function or its criticality. Also, within Oldham there are different characteristics that influence use of carriageways using a more meaningful hierarchy based on road use that enables asset managers to make better decisions regarding the asset. A revised network hierarchy for carriageways has been developed to enable more targeted analysis, investment and works programmes and is shown in Section 6.1.

Oldham's road network provides the backbone of its economy and that the maintenance of its highways in an appropriate condition is paramount. One of the

primary roles for highways network is to provide connectivity for communities across the borough. Management of improvements and maintenance of the highways network is influenced by both condition as well as use of the assets.

An underlying principle of sound asset management practice adopted by Oldham Council is the use of preventative maintenance measures, in particular the use of specific and as appropriate cost-efficient surfacing treatments on the revised network hierarchy. These approaches are set out in the asset-specific strategies following.

For each asset, a brief description of the condition of the asset is provided, followed by a statement of the desired outcome this strategy seeks to achieve (which is aligned to the overall objectives). The maintenance approach required to deliver each outcome is then described.

At the time of writing, asset specific strategies for Signs, Barriers and Road Furniture are under further development, and Street Lighting is currently covered under the Oldham & Rochdale PFI contract.

## **6.1 CARRIAGEWAYS**

Carriageways form the majority of the highway asset; these range from busy dual A class roads to minor rural lanes. The structure of some of these assets has been evolved rather than specifically designed; consequently the construction is not consistent even when some knowledge of the pavement exists.

### **Current Challenges:**

Asset condition is average considering the network as a whole; the network condition indicators are comparable with other GM authorities.

However there are concerns about the condition of some minor roads. These minor roads, typically consisting of little pavement structure, are at most risk of rapid deterioration due to the ingress of water and overloading. Investment in these roads is more challenging to justify with the other demands on more strategically important routes, however these roads remain crucial links for our communities.

### **Desired Outcome:**

Carriageway condition is maintained with minimum whole life cost supported by steady state investment.

## **Current Asset Strategy:**

Lifecycle Planning has been adopted to establish a baseline funding requirement for the network. Having undertaken analysis of carriageway condition across the network, levels of deterioration and required investment have been identified over a 20 year period. As a result, investment shall be targeted where the money will return greatest whole life cost benefit, (e.g. maximising residual life for minimal investment)

An assessment of the demand on the network is continually carried out to enable targeted investment aligning with the corporate objectives and commensurate with use.

A preventative approach to maintenance has been adopted, investing a greater proportion of the available budget to treat roads in the early stages of deterioration. A preventative approach targets assets that are not currently in need of full structural renewal and proposes to extend these assets' whole life by arresting/delaying deterioration by suitable intervention methods.

It is recognised that the transition to a Preventative Strategy is well under way supported by an initial investment of £20m since 2011.

In line with the Well Maintained Highways network hierarchy, shown below is a table that has been developed to show a revised hierarchy used for development of programmes over the last 3 years during the current periods of significant Council investment.

A 5 year rolling capital maintenance programme on the Gateway Corridor (Category 1, 2 and 3a roads) has been in place since 2012-13 to align the roads with the 24 Hour Maintenance Promise set out in Oldham's Corporate Plan.

A 5 year rolling capital maintenance programme on the Secondary Corridor (Category 3b and 4a roads) commenced during 2014-15 to further work to ease the burden on the revenue budget.

The Category 4b roads will be maintained on a risk based process and reactive works will be carried out to the funding available. On the unclassified network particularly, a cyclical approach to surface treatment will be established in order to protect against water ingress and localized rapid deterioration.

## **6.2 FOOTWAYS & CYCLEWAYS**

Although the majority of footways are in urban areas, there are many rural footways within villages and providing links between villages. The majority of our footways are bituminous, although there are significant lengths of flagged footways and a small amount of modular footways mostly in the town centres. While carriageways provide the main component of the highway, footways are essential for all users to connect



homes and businesses. For many vulnerable road users, footways are their only link to travel and access public transport.

**Current Challenges:**

The condition of footways had not been routinely measured for many years. It is estimated that around 35% of main footways require maintenance. We have yet to complete the measurement of condition on all footways including minor (Category 3 & 4) footways but consider this figure still to be representative of all footways, until analysis of very recent new data in the system is completed.

**Desired Outcome:**

Footway condition is maintained with minimum whole life cost supported by steady state investment.

**Proposed Asset Strategy:**

The Council will establish a baseline funding requirement for the network using life cycle planning techniques. Increased levels of survey and data collection programmed for 2015/16 and 2016/17 are now complete.

Using nationally recognised inspection survey techniques (FNS), the Council will identify areas of deterioration and current condition. Work is prioritised according to asset condition, location and user need. An updated prioritised process for footway maintenance and improvement is currently underway.

In terms of programming maintenance and improvement works, schemes will be considered in localities to minimise the impact on communities. On the bituminous footway network, the Council will establish a cyclical approach to surface treatment which is preventative in order to protect against water ingress and extend residual life.

## 6.3 STRUCTURES

The Council is responsible for bridges and structures as indicated in the table below.

BRIDGES AND OTHER STRUCTURES	
Principal Roads	30
Road Bridges	63
Retaining Walls	2,578 (44.5km)
Footbridges (incl. public rights of way)	101
Culverts	310
Subways	9
Gantry	1
<b>Total No of Structures</b>	<b>3,092</b>

### Current Challenges:

Detailed asset data exists for all types of highway structures. General and Principal inspection regimes (as per government codes of practice and guidance) are in place for bridges but not currently retaining walls. A risk based approach is used to manage the retaining wall stock due to the current financial climate. Oldham Council has more than 16,000 highway retaining walls in total which include private walls and public owned retaining structures whose retained height is less than 1.35m.

### Desired Outcome:

Our aim is to maintain the highway bridges and structures stock condition score in a steady state of repair by adopting a preventative strategy with the appropriate interventions which will deliver value for money against a backdrop of reducing capital and revenue budgets.

We intend to meet statutory duties and maintain Oldham Council's bridge stock in a safe and serviceable condition by undertaking annual routine maintenance and continuing with the present 3-year strengthening / replacement forward programme of works.

### Proposed Asset Strategy:

We will continue to adopt the well-established principles set out in the Management of Highway Structures: A Code of Practice (September 2005, updated 2013) to prioritise our inspections, ongoing monitoring of substandard and weak structures and works programmes. "Well Managed Highway Infrastructure: A code of Practice, October 2016" is in the process of being adopted.

The existing prioritised maintenance work schedules and strengthening programmes are based on works priority, cost and other strategically weighted factors such as road

hierarchy, obstacle crossed, heritage status and length of structure. This bespoke toolkit will continue to be used to demonstrate the desired outcomes are being delivered in the most cost-effective manner with the funding available.

Together with all other GM authorities the specialist “Pontis” structures asset management system has just been adopted allowing use of CIPFA’s Structures Asset Management Planning Toolkit (Structures Toolkit) to develop lifecycle planning and prioritisation needs; to assist with asset valuations and financial planning; and identify the appropriate level of funding required for future maintenance and strengthening.

## **6.4 DRAINAGE**

This encompasses a wide range of assets, varying from piped systems to open watercourses, which assist in the Council’s duty to safely drain the highway and provide opportunities for the Council to meet its obligations under the Water Framework Directive. In addition, we have a duty to act as the Lead Local Flood Authority on behalf of the Council which includes identifying existing Local Authority assets which have a significant effect on flooding, identifying flooding mitigation schemes and seeking funding from the Environment Agency & DEFRA, and ensuring responsible parties maintain their systems.

### **Current Challenges:**

Whilst GPS and condition asset data exists for the majority of highway gullies, information on the associated outfall systems into which they discharge is very limited. Collecting this data comes with high costs and as such a data collection exercise for all the assets cannot be justified. A risk based approach to the collection of highway drainage asset data is therefore taken.

### **Desired Outcome:**

Our aim is to meet statutory duties and maintain a safe public highway by continuing to assess and prioritise high risk flooding areas and deal with them accordingly. Opportunities to work in partnership with other organisations and to deliver other benefits, such as those required by the Water Framework Directive, will also be sought.

- Highway drainage schemes which can deliver the highest outcome measure scores will receive the highest priority when it comes to the programming of their design and construction.
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Construction of highway drainage schemes will result in the delivery of the following outcome measures

- Fewer residential and business properties being at risk of flooding (measured as the number of residential or business properties protected)
- Fewer flooding related highway safety concerns (measured as the distance of highway better protected from flooding)
- Reduced pollution of watercourses through the transport of pollutants through highway drainage systems.

## **6.5 STREET LIGHTING**

The Council entered into a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract in July 2011 with Community Lighting Partnership (CLP) to replace the majority of the lighting assets in a five year Core Investment Period (CIP) and to maintain the assets for the remainder of the 25 year contract.

CLP appointed Eon Energy as their operational Sub-contractor to deliver the physical works on their behalf.

### **Current Challenges:**

Prior to service commencement, Oldham Council undertook an assessment of its lighting assets based on age and condition and provided CLP with details of what was considered to be in need of replacement within the CIP programme. These assets constituted 80% of the Council's lighting stock with the remaining 20% considered to be good structural condition.

CLP undertook its own due diligence using the information provided by Oldham Council, and then produced a five year fast track replacement programme.

### **Desired Outcome:**

The CIP programme started in September 2011 and was completed in July 2016. At this point 80% of the existing lighting infrastructure has been replaced with new energy efficient lighting and illuminated signs and bollards.

### **Proposed Asset Strategy:**

CLP has put in place a method for risk assessing, monitoring and certifying the structural integrity of all the assets (both new and existing) for the full duration of the PFI period (until July 2036) in accordance with the requirements of the Institution of Lighting Professionals; Technical Report No.22 'Managing a Vital Asset: Lighting Supports'. At the end of the PFI contract, CLP are to hand back the lighting assets with a residual life of no less than five years.

## **6.6 TRAFFIC SIGNALS**

TfGM Urban Traffic Control (UTC) provides the traffic signal control service to the ten district councils of Greater Manchester, and Highways England.

Made up of more than 2,400 installations - the largest number in the UK, outside London - the existing traffic signal network is operated and controlled through the UTC Traffic Control Centre using a range of technologies. This includes specialist experience on the design, installation, operation and control of signals, which includes both junctions and pedestrian crossings. UTC also provide a comprehensive maintenance function for the region's traffic signal network.

TfGM UTC also maintain and operate associated traffic control equipment for the Districts, including variable message signs (VMS), car park signs, rising bollards and automatic traffic count sites.

### **Urban Traffic Control manages:**

- The Greater Manchester Traffic control centre
- 2,400 sets of signals
- 985 pedestrian crossings (Puffins, Pelicans, Toucans and Pegasus)
- Junctions and crossings controlled by SCOOT and MOVA technology.

Oldham Council has a variety of communication processes and methods in place to provide transparency in the planned & reactive maintenance approach using a range of channels to reach as many audiences as possible.

There is a dedicated website section from our Transport and Streets homepage at:

[www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk)

[http://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/100011/transport\\_and\\_streets](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/100011/transport_and_streets)

Site visitors choose to 'Report it!' are taken through a simple step-by-step process online.

This includes an explanation of the repair policy, what issues there might be about who owns the highway (adopted, unadopted or owned by an organisation like a supermarket), a number to call if the pothole represents an immediate threat to safety, and an explanation of what is an 'acceptable defect' to be repaired.

The Council has been very proactive in publicising its pothole policy for example and in encouraging residents to report problems. This has included the recent launch promotion of a Tumblr blog, which can be viewed at <http://oldhamcouncil.tumblr.com/> This aims to explain and educate the public about potholes and the work being done by our highways repair team.

Regular PR updates are also issued to attain media publicity and raise awareness about highways work – such as announcements of new Government funding or equipment. Examples include:

[http://www.oldham.gov.uk/press/article/654/funding\\_boost\\_for\\_borough\\_roads](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/press/article/654/funding_boost_for_borough_roads)

[http://www.oldham.gov.uk/press/article/392/main\\_routes\\_to\\_receive\\_priority\\_status](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/press/article/392/main_routes_to_receive_priority_status)

[http://www.oldham.gov.uk/press/article/581/council\\_provides\\_24-hour\\_repair\\_promise\\_on\\_gateway\\_roads](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/press/article/581/council_provides_24-hour_repair_promise_on_gateway_roads)

[http://www.oldham.gov.uk/press/article/1174/king\\_street\\_corridor\\_improvements\\_on\\_the\\_way](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/press/article/1174/king_street_corridor_improvements_on_the_way)

[http://www.oldham.gov.uk/press/article/980/funding\\_made\\_available\\_to\\_improve\\_a62m60\\_junction](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/press/article/980/funding_made_available_to_improve_a62m60_junction)

[http://www.oldham.gov.uk/press/article/1223/phase\\_two\\_of\\_improvements\\_to\\_union\\_street\\_west\\_footbridge\\_to\\_begin](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/press/article/1223/phase_two_of_improvements_to_union_street_west_footbridge_to_begin)

Oldham Council's Press Office always responds to queries about potholes from local and national media in an attempt to explain, educate and engage in the issues raised.

All queries about this are also answered submitted to us via Twitter and Facebook by members of the public.

Pothole work is also highlighted in our quarterly residents' magazine which goes out to every household across the borough: again to raise awareness and enable reporting of problems.

The Council Leader, Jean Stretton, also has a weekly blog which – given the salience of these issues with the public - regularly refers to highways issues. An example can be seen at:

<http://oldhamcouncil.wordpress.com/2012/12/12/getting-a-grip-of-oldhams-roads/>

Oldham is committed to developing a co-operative future; one where citizens, partners and staff work together to improve the borough and create a confident and ambitious place to live, work and play. We want all members of the community to be able to play an active part in building our co-operative borough.

To this end, the Highway Safety Inspection Policy (HSIP) is available on Oldham Council's Transport and Streets (Highway policies and strategies) webpage with a simple form which can be used for reporting a pothole.

All communications via the Council's website are under constant update and review to optimise the access and information available for our customers.

Knowledge of the asset is used to describe the asset and its performance, and is essential to providing informed decision making and delivering an effective long term asset management approach. Accurate and reliable data enables asset managers to understand the asset better and to help drive continuous improvement.

Oldham Council carries out routine collection of data to understand the condition of the network and support the development of maintenance programmes. A set percentage of the road network is surveyed every year using SCANNER and SCRIM for example, achieving complete network coverage and allowing data to be collected and analysed for deterioration. In addition, borough-wide footway and drainage condition surveys are undertaken, together with appropriate General and Principal Inspections of bridges and highways structures.

Considerable recent investment and effort over the last 18 months has gone into the implementation of our two completely new asset management systems, Confirm, and Pontis as a joint GM wide structures system. Parallel investment has seen a number of additional comprehensive surveys of the asset to ensure accurate and efficient asset management analysis, prioritisation and risk analysis to inform works programmes.

Oldham Council is committed to developing and implementing best practice and will make best use of the following forums where appropriate:

- Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM)
- Highway Maintenance Efficiency Programme (HMEP)
- The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)
- Highways Asset Management Financial Information Group (HAMFIG)
- UK Roads Board
- ADEPT Asset Management Working Group
- National and regional conferences
- Professional Institution engagement
- Competency training

Our highways service works collaboratively with our supply chain partners and neighbouring authorities where applicable, to identify and share good practice and improvements. Where appropriate, we will continue and formalise collaborative working agreements with other local authorities and key suppliers. Very recent and particularly pertinent current collaboration initiatives include Oldham Council Highways & Engineering working very closely with a number of the adjacent GM authorities through TfGM and directly in groups and clusters to better inform our DfT Self-Assessment processes, and in bids for funding from DfT and DEFRA.



As a key element of this strategy, a performance management framework has been developed that defines key performance areas of the highways service and asset, prescribes targets and measures actual performance against the agreed targets on a regular basis.

Monitoring the performance involves regular review and checking that identified improvements are being implemented effectively, and ultimately that these improvements are contributing to the achievement of asset management objectives. Reporting of progress against these performance areas allows assessments to be made on progress and demonstrate continuous improvement.

This performance management framework forms a key element of our asset management framework implementation.

The strategy is reviewed regularly to allow informed decisions to be made in order to accommodate any changes in funding and priorities within the longer term forecasts, including changes to standards, codes of practice, systems and technologies.

The strategy is based irrelevant of funding levels, and therefore, significant changes to the strategy will not need to be made if major changes in available budget occur.

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## **Report to West Oldham District Executive**

# **West Oldham District Budget Report**

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**10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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### **Reason for report**

This report sets out the current budget position, and makes recommendations on funding allocations.

### **Recommendations**

- A. That District Executive agree its District Plan for 2018-2020
- B. That the District Executive agrees the following funding allocations:
  - 1. £800 Revenue funding for a Blue Plaque to commemorate Eric Sykes
  - 2. £2,553 Revenue funding for additional equipment in Cottam Street pocket park
  - 3. £1,750 Revenue funding for Garforth Street alleygate
  - 4. £3,400 Capital funding to improve the land at Hilda Street and Mark Street
  - 5. £4,000 Capital funding as a contribution towards Westhulme kickpitch surface
  - 6. £8,000 Revenue funding for CAB Advice provision in Werneth and Medlock Vale

## West Oldham District Budget Report

### 1 Background

- 1.1 Oldham has agreed key strategic plans that set out the vision and ambition for the Borough – The Oldham Plan, the Corporate Plan – which provide the framework for priorities and how we aim to meet them.
- 1.2 Each District Executive agrees a District Plan, which provides a framework to align actions and budgets against priorities at a local level.
- 1.3 The following priorities have been identified for the West Oldham District for 2018-2020.

#### **Improving the Environment**

Support communities to improve, enhance, and maintain the local environment, with a view to tackling the issues of flytipped waste.

#### **Improving Community Facilities**

Support local hubs and services that people can easily access.  
Review of community facilities in Werneth

#### **Improving health and well-being**

Support local people to adopt healthy lifestyles

#### **Supporting local community groups**

Encourage co-operative activity and build community capacity

#### **Educational Achievement and employment**

Access to schools places for families living in West Oldham  
Support the aspirations of families and young people to achieve a good educational foundation.

#### **People feeling safe in their local area**

Work with partners and communities to foster safer neighbourhoods

#### **Housing**

Support the development of new affordable housing in Oldham

- 1.4 The West Oldham District action plan is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

### 2 District Executive Budgets 2018/19

Budgets	
Revenue:	£30,000
Councillors (Revenue):	£45,000 (£5,000 per Councillor)
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>£75,000</b>
<b>Total Capital:</b>	<b>£30,000</b>

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### 3 Funding Recommendations

#### 3.1 Eric Sykes Blue Plaque

Eric Sykes was a celebrated Oldhamer, who during his lifetime lived in Coldhurst, and funding is sought to mark the location at which he resided on St Hildas Drive with a blue plaque.

It is proposed that the District Executive allocate **£800 of revenue funding**, from the funding apportioned to Coldhurst ward.

#### 3.2 Cottam Street Pocket Park – Additional equipment

Cottam Street pocket park has been redeveloped as part of the replacement for loss of amenities at Westwood Park. The park is well used by local families and children and the proposal is to fund an additional swing set.

It is proposed that the District Executive allocate **£2,553 of capital funding**, from the funding apportioned to Coldhurst ward.

#### 3.3 Garforth Street alleygates

It is proposed that the District Executive allocate **£1,750 of revenue funding**, from the funding apportioned to Coldhurst ward.

#### 3.4 Land at Mark Street and Hilda Street

It is proposed that the District Executive allocate **£3,400 of capital funding**, from the funding apportioned to Coldhurst ward.

#### 3.5 Westhulme kickpitch

Westhulme kickpitch is a new facility that has been redeveloped as part of the replacement for loss of amenities at Westwood Park. Additional funding is required as a contribution to provide a better quality playing surface.

It is proposed that the District Executive allocate **£4,000 of capital funding**, from the funding apportioned to Coldhurst ward.

#### 3.6 Citizens Advice Bureau neighbourhood advice sessions

Oldham CAB have been providing outreach drop-in advice sessions at 2 locations in the District for the past few years. The sessions are provided every fortnight for half a day at Werneth and Freehold Community Development Project and the Honeywell Centre. CAB have seen an increased demand for these sessions, and generally for all sessions that they deliver in Oldham. Funding for the current provision will end at the end of this calendar year – December 2018. It is proposed that funding is allocated for a further 12 months whilst the Council considers how it commissions neighbourhood advice services in the future.

It is proposed that the District Executive allocate **£8,000 of revenue funding**, from the funding apportioned to Medlock Vale and Werneth wards.

## 4 Budget position

The table below highlights the West Oldham District Executive budget position incorporating the recommended allocations.

Project	Revenue			Capital		
	Coldhurst	M Vale	Werneth	Coldhurst	M Vale	Werneth
	£10,000 x 3 = £30,000			£10,000 x 3 = £30,000		
Werneth Well-being hub			£4,880			
Grit bin refills	£2,500	£330	£330			
Alleygating					£10,000	£10,000
Fiton Hill and Hathershaw Bulldogs		£2,772				
Cottam St additional equipment				£2,553		
Eric Sykes - Blue Plaque	£800					
Rear of Hilda St and Mark St				£3,447		
Westhulme kickpitch				£4,000		
Garfroth St alleygates	£1,750					
CAB neighbourhood advice services		£4,000	£4,000			
<b>Total allocations</b>	<b>£5,050</b>	<b>£7,102</b>	<b>£9,210</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£4,950</b>	<b>£2,898</b>	<b>£790</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>

## 5 Recommendations

- 5.1
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## Appendix 1

Councillor budget allocations to date:

COLDHURST				
Project	Azad	Jabbar	Malik	Total
	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	Allocated
Launch of News71 (Online) Community News paper	£250	£250	£250	£750
OBA Millennium centre – Community Badminton	£250	£250	£250	£750
OBA Community Day out	£333	£334	£333	£1,000
JUPs - GCSE Award Ceremony	£167	£166	£167	£500
<b>TOTAL APPROVED / PAID</b>	<b>£1,000</b>	<b>£1,000</b>	<b>£1,000</b>	<b>£3,000</b>
<b>BALANCE REMAINING</b>	<b>£4,000</b>	<b>£4,000</b>	<b>£4,000</b>	<b>£12,000</b>

MEDLOCK VALE				
Project	Rehman	Toor	Ur-Rehman	Total
	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	Allocated
Fitton Hill In Action group - Gala Day equipment	£472	£500	£500	£1,472
Brew 15 year celebration	£166	£167	£167	£500
REEL - Street Play	£500	£500	£500	£1,500
PCC - Pakistani Independence Day		£200	£200	£400
Oldham Volleyball Club - Volleyball tournament		£300	£300	£600
<b>TOTAL APPROVED / PAID</b>	<b>£1,138</b>	<b>£1,667</b>	<b>£1,667</b>	<b>£4,472</b>
<b>BALANCE REMAINING</b>	<b>£3,862</b>	<b>£3,333</b>	<b>£3,333</b>	<b>£10,528</b>

WERNETH				
Project	Akhtar	Hussain	Iqbal	Total
	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	Allocated
Marjory Lees July Event	£250	£250	£250	£750
Marjory Lees - Noticeboard	£57	£56	£57	£170
WFCDP - Life Online, Laptops	£656	£657	£657	£1,970
PCC - Pakistani Independence Day	£200	£200	£200	£600
SPARC - Flytipping	£167	£166	£167	£500
WFCDP - Kickpitch floodloghts	£283	£284	£283	£850
<b>TOTAL APPROVED / PAID</b>	<b>£1,613</b>	<b>£1,613</b>	<b>£1,614</b>	<b>£4,840</b>
<b>BALANCE REMAINING</b>	<b>£3,387</b>	<b>£3,387</b>	<b>£3,386</b>	<b>£10,160</b>

## Improving the Environment

Support communities to improve, enhance, and maintain the local environment, with a view to tackling the issues of flytipped waste				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Support local community activity to improve the environment and tackle flytipping  Alleyway projects – Happy Alley  Coldhurst clean ups  SPARC - Coppice/Primrose Bank  Hathershaw	District Team and local volunteers	March 2019	Materials and equipment to support and promote community activity    Intense activity with local residents to address local issues	West Oldham
Supporting co-operative activity for winter maintenance.	Highways	Oct 2018	Refill for 10 additional grit bins and provision of one new grit bin £3,600 Revenue	Coldhurst Werneth Coppice Bardsley

## Improving Community Facilities

Support local hubs and services that people can easily access				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Continue to support the provision of high demand local advice services, via the C.A.B.	CAB	Ongoing	Continue the current half day drop in advice service at Werneth and Freehold Community Development Project and the Honeywell Centre.  £8,000 Revenue	Freehold Werneth Coppice Hathershaw
Explore alternative ways of funding and/or providing local advice services.	Community Services	April 2019	Oldham Council commission for Advice services	Oldham
Support a partnership approach to improve Tudor St kickpitch	Primrose Centre District Team	April 2019	External funding to resurface the pitch	Coppice/Primrose Bank
Review and influence future direction of Council assets in Werneth: Coppice Community Centre Werneth Music Rooms Werneth Lifelong Learning Centre	District Team Charitable Trust Committee	Ongoing		Werneth



Support proposals to keep Grange pitch available for community use. Work with local community groups to access external funds.	District Team	March 2019 and beyond		Coldhurst
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### Improving health and well-being

Support local people to adopt healthy lifestyles				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Develop health and wellbeing advice and activities from community hubs, as appropriate. Oral Health, health checks, exercise classes, walking groups, social activity	District Team	March 2019	Local hubs where appropriate activity can take place	West Oldham
Support the Schools Out For Summer delivery in Fitton Hill – engage young people in positive and healthy activity during the school holidays – incorporating holiday hunger	Community Group Network	School holidays 2018/2019	The Community Group Network members delivering activity Funding for activity	Fitton Hill Hathershaw
Build stronger links with local GP Clusters to adapt and develop local approaches to improve wellbeing	District Team GP Clusters	Ongoing	Capacity to build links and develop partnerships with GPs	West Oldham

### Supporting local community groups

Encourage co-operative activity and build community capacity				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Continue a small grant scheme to support local community activity that meets District priorities.	Elected Members and District Team	March 2019	Councillors funding £45,000 Revenue	West Oldham
Werneth women's support and capacity building	Werneth and Freehold Community Development Project	Upto March 2019	Additional capacity at Werneth and Freehold Community Development Project Some Revenue funding needed	Freehold/Werneth
Local community groups to be supported to access other funding streams	District Team and Action Together	Ongoing	Officer time	West Oldham

### Educational Attainment & Employment

Access to schools places for families living in West Oldham				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Ensure increased provision of appropriate secondary school places for residents that live around Oldham Town Centre	District Executive Education	Sept 2022	DfE Free School funding for a new school	Oldham Town Centre

## People feeling safe in their local area

Work with partners and communities to foster safer neighbourhoods				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
To support local communities to take ownership of shared spaces to improve safety	Community Safety Services	Ongoing	Funding to cover the costs of installing new alleygate schemes £20,000 Capital	Freehold Werneth Coppice
Work with local services, agencies, and partners to monitor community safety issues and develop partnership responses	District Team	Ongoing	Partnership plans and resources	West Oldham

## Housing

Support the development of new affordable housing				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Identification and development of vacant sites for new housing	District Executive Housing and Investment	Ongoing		Fitton Hill Hartford Mill – North Werneth