

## ***WEST OLDHAM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE Agenda***

Date Wednesday 5 December 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 are attached for approval.

6 West Oldham Budget Report (Pages 5 - 12)

7 Public Questions to Meetings of the District Executive (Pages 13 - 14)

8 Petitions (Pages 15 - 16)

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 two Petitions to note.

9 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the West Oldham District Executive will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at 6.00 pm.



**Present:** Councillor Toor (Chair)  
Councillors Akhtar, Azad, F Hussain, Iqbal, Malik, Rehman and  
Ur-Rehman

Also in Attendance:

Superintendent Daniel Inglis	Greater Manchester Police
Zaiem Khan	District Co-ordinator
Matthew McGreal	Assistant Engineer
Nigel Molden	Principal Engineer

1           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jabbar.

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 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be approved as a correct record.

6           **POLICING IN WEST OLDHAM**

Consideration was given to a verbal briefing from Superintendent Danny Inglis around the concerns raised by local residents about Policing in West Oldham.

Members were informed that since 2011, £183 million had been removed from the Policing budget which equates to 20% of the overall budget. This resulted in there now being over 1000 less staff both frontline and back office, including 45 less officers for the Borough of Oldham. It was stated that due to the loss of the back officers, officer's time spent out on the streets was being taken up by paperwork and since 2012, there had been an upsurge in the number of crimes recorded including increases of burglary, robbery, rape and child exploitation.

Members queried the time it takes for officers to respond to crimes and made reference to a recent break-in at the Spindles Shopping Centre that the Police still had not responded to 5 days later. Members were informed that all crimes recorded had

to be prioritised depending on the risk, crime and threat and that property crime was classed as a low priority.



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Members commented on the number of people smoking cannabis and that many law abiding citizens use it for a range of issues or have used it at some point in their lives. It was stated that the police had lost the war on drugs as they cannot enforce it, and that either resources are given to help with enforcement or make it legalised. Members stated that young people were being criminalised for cannabis use which was not something that Members wanted. It was stated that the Government should tax the selling of cannabis and the income generated could be used to fund vital services such as the police whilst also keeping the money away from dealers. Members were informed that rogue landlords were a problem and a recent police operation found that in 5 out of 20 houses raided, cannabis farms were found. In the past 6 months, half a million pounds worth of cannabis had been found in the town centre and £450k worth of spice had been taken off the streets.

Members were informed that there was a need to get the public's confidence back in the police however the service felt it set itself up for this as Officers used to attend to all crimes recorded. Members were informed that since the change in the shift patterns, the time it takes to respond to a call out has reduced from 8 hours to 4 hours. Members stated that there was a need for the police to be out there and available for members of the public, however not all require visits but some type of communication was needed. Members were informed that the demand for Officers was high and the service needed to get the right technology for the 101 number for it to work efficiently.

Members queried the use of PCSO's in the Borough and what functions they could do to relieve the pressure off of Officers. Members were informed that PCSO's had specific unionised job rolls and that they could collect evidence however they are unable to pack the evidence together. It was stated that a number of police forces had removed the use of PCSO's altogether. Members were informed that the sickness levels had doubled due to the massive strain put on the Officers. Members were informed that to help alleviate the pressure 10 apprentices had been appointed for Oldham and 5 new Officers were due to start.

**RESOLVED** that the information presented be noted.

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## **HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE**

Consideration was given to a briefing on the conditions of local roads and the Highways Maintenance Strategy for minor roads.

Members were informed that the current Oldham Highway Asset Management, Policy, Framework and Strategy was out of date and Officers were in the process of creating the Annual strategy. It was stated that the Highway Engineers were to go out in to the Borough to inspect the roads and the new information provided

would be used to create the new work programme going forward.

Members were informed that there was a lack of resources available and the data that is heavily relied on was flawed due to the equipment picking up things that it should not, such as skid marks on the road. Members were advised that potentially additional investment would be coming through and that photographic scanners would be available to map the full network.

Members commented that there was little input from Councillors the previous year and queried whether they would get a say in what will be done. Members were informed that there would be an element of input from the Councillors and Officers would be sitting down with the individual Wards to identify what needs to be done, however there is a need to get all the data in before any consultation.

Members stated that the public perception was that the roads with conditions not as bad are being repaired before those in significant need. Members were informed that fixing a road before it needed full restoration would have a cost of £20k using preventative measures, whereas if left to dilapidate would cost around £120k. It was stated that it was about getting the right product in the right place and that some roads deteriorate faster than expected.

**RESOLVED** that the information presented be noted.

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## **WEST OLDHAM DISTRICT BUDGET REPORT**

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

The report provided Members with the revised District Plan for 2018-2020 which is the Annual work plan created each municipal year. Members were advised that the priorities for 2018-20 included:

1. Improving the Environment.
2. Improving Community Facilities.
3. Improving Health and Wellbeing.
4. Supporting Local Community Groups.
5. Educational Achievement and Employment.
6. People feeling safe in their local area.
7. Housing.

**RESOVLED** that:

1. The District Plan for 2018-2020 be approved.
2. The following funding allocations be agreed:
  - a. £800 Revenue funding for a Blue Plaque to commemorate Eric Sykes.
  - b. £2,553 Revenue funding for additional equipment in Cottam Street pocket park.
  - c. £1,750 Revenue funding for Garforth Street alleygate.



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- d. £3,400 Capital funding to improve the land at Hilda Street and Mark Street.
- e. £4,000 Capital funding as a contribution towards Westhulme kickpitch surface.
- f. £8,000 Revenue funding for CAB Advice provision in Werneth and Medlock Vale.



9            **PETITIONS**

There were no Petitions to note.

10           **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

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

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 7.04 pm



**Report to West Oldham District Executive**

## **West Oldham District Budget Report**

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr A Shah, Neighbourhoods Services

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

**Report Author:** Zaiem Khan; District Coordinator  
**Ext. 5162**

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

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### **Reason for report**

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

### **Recommendations**

That the District Executive agrees the following funding allocation:  
£2,898 Revenue funding for Fitton Hill Youth Clubs at the Brew

**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**

<b>Budgets</b>	
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 Fitton Hill Youth Club at the Brew

A successful junior youth club has been running at The Brew for the past two years and has been run solely by volunteers. The youth club runs weekly on a Tuesday engaging over 20 young people (aged 8-12 years) in positive activities, learning new skills and participating in workshops around self-esteem, bullying and single gendered work. However, due to other commitments that the volunteers have they are struggling to keep the club going.

The volunteers have asked for support from a trained youth worker so that the sessions can continue to run regularly and can be grown to start a Senior Youth Club so that there is a progression route for the young people who come through the junior youth club.

This would meet District priorities as it is supporting young people in positive activities.

It is proposed that the District Executive allocate **£2,898 of revenue funding**, from the funding apportioned to Medlock Vale ward.

### 4 Progress and Feedback on District Executive initiatives

#### 4.1 Wifi Oldham – Clarkwell Womens Exercise Group

The womens exercise classes at Clarkwell Tenants Hall have been running for over 2 years and have a regular attendance of 15-25 women of various ages from eth local Bangladeshi community. The classes and sessions are facilitated by Wifi Oldham and have helped the participants in a number of ways:

- Improved physical health – weight, agility, stamina, and strength
- Improved mental well-being – reduced isolation, positive outlook, making friends
- Health cooking and eating sessions – added benefit to household and wider family
- Increased confidence and general well-being

#### 4.2 Eric Sykes – Blue Plaque

A blue plaque to mark the location where Eric Sykes lived is being progressed. The owner of the house has granted permission for the fitting of the plaque, and the plaque is being ordered for fitting. Ward members will be invited to a photo call at a convenient date.

#### 4.3 Grit Bins

The grit bins requested by the members have been checked and restocked at the agreed locations. A new additional grit bin has been sited at Keb Lane, near to its junction with Hilary Avenue.

#### 4.4 Fitton Hill and Hathershaw Bulldogs

The community rugby club is continuing to work on bringing the former CPD playing fields back into use as playable pitches. They have successfully laid out one pitch and rugby posts will be located on site soon. A planning application has been registered for the siting of a prefabricated building on the former basketball courts which will be used as changing facilities, a clubhouse, and community facilities.

## 5 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
Fitton 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		
Garforth St alleygates	£1,750					
CAB neighbourhood advice services		£4,000	£4,000			
Fitton Hill Youth Club at the Brew		£2,898				
<b>Total allocations</b>	<b>£5,050</b>	<b>£10,000</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>£0</b>	<b>£790</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>

## 6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That the District Executive agrees the following funding allocation:  
£2,898 Revenue funding for Fitton Hill Youth Clubs at The Brew

## Appendix 1

Councillor budget allocations to date:

<b>COLDHURST</b>				
<b>Project</b>	<b>Azad</b>	<b>Jabbar</b>	<b>Malik</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>Allocated</b>
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
Wifi Oldham – Clarkwell Womens Exercise Group	£650	£650	£650	£1,950
<b>TOTAL APPROVED / PAID</b>	<b>£1,650</b>	<b>£1,650</b>	<b>£1,650</b>	<b>£4,950</b>
<b>BALANCE REMAINING</b>	<b>£3,350</b>	<b>£3,350</b>	<b>£3,350</b>	<b>£10,050</b>

<b>MEDLOCK VALE</b>				
<b>Project</b>	<b>Rehman</b>	<b>Toor</b>	<b>Ur-Rehman</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>Allocated</b>
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
Glodwick Dynamos football sessions at Tudor Street		£300	£300	£600
Saheli Womens - International Womens Day Event	£333	£334	£333	£1,000
PCC – Cultural Event	£200			£200
<b>TOTAL APPROVED / PAID</b>	<b>£1,671</b>	<b>£2,301</b>	<b>£2,300</b>	<b>£6,272</b>
<b>BALANCE REMAINING</b>	<b>£3,329</b>	<b>£2,699</b>	<b>£2,700</b>	<b>£8,728</b>

<b>WERNETH</b>				
<b>Project</b>	<b>Akhtar</b>	<b>Hussain</b>	<b>Iqbal</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>Allocated</b>
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
Glodwick Dynamos football sessions at Tudor Street	£600	£200	£600	£1,400
WFCDP - Womens Support Work	£666	£667	£667	£2,000
Naat and Nasheed event			£250	£250
<b>TOTAL APPROVED / PAID</b>	<b>£2,878</b>	<b>£2,481</b>	<b>£3,131</b>	<b>£8,490</b>
<b>BALANCE REMAINING</b>	<b>£2,122</b>	<b>£2,519</b>	<b>£1,869</b>	<b>£6,510</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



**WEST OLDHAM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**

**Officer Contact:** Paul Entwistle, Director of Legal Services

**Report Author:** Sian Walter-Browne, Principal Constitutional  
Services Officer

**Ext.** 4710

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

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### **Reason for Report**

To inform meetings of District Executives of amendments to the Council's constitution in relation to the submission of public questions to meetings of the District Executives.

### **Recommendations**

The report is for information only.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**

### **1 Background**

- 1.1 In accordance with previous constitutional provisions, members of the public could ask questions at District Executive meetings, where they had given written notice of that question at least fifteen minutes before the start of the meeting.
- 1.2 Public question time had not been consistent between Committees and District Executives, and the Council, at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018, had resolved to have standard timings for public question time and the deadline for submission of questions to achieve consistency.
- 1.3 The Council's constitution had been amended to read 'Public questions can be submitted to Constitutional Services by noon up to two working days before the day of the meeting' (amendments to Part 3 p.32, Public Question Time, and to Part 8 Appendix 1 – Public Access to Information). Each individual will be allowed up to a maximum of two minutes to ask their question and a time limit of 30 minutes is set for public question time for all Committees and District Executives.

### **2 Recommendation**

The report is submitted for information only.



## Report to West Oldham District Executive

### Petitions

**Portfolio Holder:**

Various

**Officer Contact:** Director of Legal Services

**Report Author:** Kaidy McCann, Constitutional Services

**Ext.** 4714

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

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#### Reason for Decision

The District Executive is requested to note the petition received.

#### Petition Received

Reference 2018-19: Traffic Calming Measures on Keb Lane (Medlock Vale Ward) received on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 with 99 signatures.

Reference 2018-20: Welfare Rights, Benefits and Adult Social Care (Boroughwide) received on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 with 251 signatures.

#### Recommendations

The District Executive is recommended to note the petition received.

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