

PLACE, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY BOARD

***Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Agenda***

Date Wednesday 8 November 2023

Time 6.00 pm

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

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLACE, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY BOARD

Councillors Ghafoor, Hince, Hindle, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Kenyon, McLaren (Chair), Moores and Williamson

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 Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board Meeting (Pages 1 - 12)
The Minutes of the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board held on 31 August 2023 and 26 September 2023 are attached for approval.
- 6 Strategic Transport Update (Pages 13 - 30)
To consider a report which provides an overview to Scrutiny Members of the work areas of the Strategic Transport Team, including how these fit into the GM picture and progress and delivery against Oldham's Transport Strategy aims.
- 7 Work Programme (Pages 31 - 36)
To discuss the 2023-24 Work Programme.
- 8 Key Decision Document (Pages 37 - 54)
- 9 Rule 13 and 14
To consider any rule 13 or 14 decisions since the previous meeting.



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Present: Councillor McLaren (in the Chair)
Councillors Iqbal, Moores and Williamson

Also in Attendance:

Councillor Arooj Shah	Leader of the Council
Councillor Elaine Taylor	Deputy Leader of the Council
Councillor Chris Goodwin	Cabinet Member - Neighbourhoods
Paul Clifford	Director of Economy
Nasir Dad	Director of Environment
Jack Bailey	Executive Policy and Research
	Advisor to the Leader
Alex Glenny	Performance Improvement Advisor
Peter Thompson	Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ibrahim.

2 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board, held 15th June 2023, be approved as a correct record.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business for the Scrutiny Board to consider.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions for this meeting of the Scrutiny Board to consider.

6 **ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK ON GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMMES**

The Scrutiny Board received a report of the Director of Finance which advised Members that the Council had been successful in obtaining capital grant funding from three sources administered by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). These grant funding streams were detailed below:

- i. Future High Street Funds; expected grant related expenditure to be completed by 31st March 2024;
- ii. Town Deals Fund; expected grant related expenditure to be completed by 31st March 2025 (the Future High Streets Fund and Town Deals Fund are collectively known as the Towns Fund); and
- iii. Levelling Up Fund; expected grant related expenditure to be completed by 31st March 2025.

In addition, it was expected that there would be more opportunities to bid for a further programme of Levelling Up Funding which had the potential to attract an additional £20m in capital grant funding to the Council. The submitted report outlined the review expected from this Scrutiny Board in respect of the guidance issued by DLUHC on overseeing these grant programmes.

The key points from the guidance in relation to Oldham were:

1. In accordance with the Cabinet Office Government Functional Standards, the Assurance Framework provides for 3 separate and defined levels of assurance referred to as the three lines of defence;
2. The first line of defence should be delivered at an operational management level. This is specified as the Chief Finance Officer. In Oldham this is the Director of Finance. This officer has the responsibility for the delivery of HMG investment, through the agreed projects, with propriety, regularity and value for money;
3. When signing the assurance letter and statement of grant usage the Chief Finance Officer will be required to provide written confirmation that they have actively undertaken all necessary checks to ensure proper administration regarding the funding programme, particularly with regard to financial administration and transparency of governance;
4. The second line of defence will be independent of the first line of defence and will be undertaken by DLUHC. It will require Local Authorities to engage with and provide supporting information in response to further assurance activity undertaken by DLUHC and other Government departments;
5. The third line of defence will be undertaken by an independent audit or an independent body to secure an “objective opinion on the effectiveness of governance, risk management and internal controls”.

The guidance implied that these grant funded projects were reviewed in line with the Council’s arrangements for scrutiny. Should the Council be selected for a more detailed review as set out in the second/ third line of defence then the level of scrutiny undertaken will be reviewed.

For the financial year 2023/24 it was suggested that two reports be submitted by Officers to this Scrutiny Board. This report setting out the Assurance Framework and a further report to the meeting that was scheduled to be held on 19th March 2024, setting out progress in relation to each of the funding streams/capital expenditure programmes in line with the basis upon which the funding has been approved, i.e. based on forecast outcomes, milestones and financial profiles.

For the municipal year 2024/25 it was recommended that a further 2 reports outlining the progress on the oversight of these

grant programmes are included in the workplan of this Committee.



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Resolved:

1. That the Scrutiny Board notes its responsibility to undertake scrutiny on the detailed grant programmes.
2. That the Scrutiny Board agrees to the incorporation of a review on progress on the Future High Streets Fund, Town Deals Fund and Levelling Up Fund twice in a municipal year, with the next report to be presented to the Board's meeting, which is scheduled to be held on 19th March 2024.

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TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION DEEP DIVE

The Scrutiny Board considered a report of the Director of Economy which advised members that advance notification had been received from the Department of Levelling up, Housing, Communities and Local Government (DLUHC) that Oldham Council's Chief Executive was due to be contacted to ask that the Council participate in a deep dive around its temporary accommodation (TA) use.

The context for this contact and the deep dive had been prompted by concern about the particularly acute pressures on the TA market at present, and the increase in poor quality, poor value-for-money accommodation types; including Bed and Breakfast and 'nightly paid' TA.

The DLUHC was therefore keen to understand more about the drivers of these changes and was intending to carry out 'deep dive' sessions in collaboration with local authorities in a number of areas, which would look at the reason these forms of TA are used and work together to identify some potential solutions.

The Director advised that the Scrutiny Board Members were being asked to note the report, to discuss the challenges with TA at this time, and to reflect on any additional areas which need exploring ahead of the deep dive discussions with DLUHC.

The DLUHC had advised that the details of the Deep Dive were yet to be confirmed, but similar exercises have been carried out around service areas such as the Rough Sleeping Initiative and had taken approximately two days, requiring on-site visits and follow-up work. It was thought that the Deep Dive was likely to involve: - Focus sessions with key staff and residents; Visits to properties to review quality; Analysis of budgets; and Case studies.

The DLUHC had also advised that they were looking to work with six local authorities across England, whom they have selected in regional pairs. In the north of England, this involved Oldham and Manchester. Selection was based on ensuring a diversity of areas across the six, and in areas which were using Bed and Breakfast/Nightly Paid accommodation according to statistical returns made to the DLUHC.

As well as hoping to identify potential solutions, another aim of the Deep Dive was to potentially build a business case around TA. Whilst this was not guaranteed to provide additional funding for Oldham, the initiative could be utilised towards future service change. The DLUHC had noted that they are aware of Oldham being a Levelling Up area and had advised that they would ensure there was no duplication with work around this.

The Scrutiny Board was advised of the potential benefits for the Borough that could be achieved as a result of the authority's participation in the Deep Dive:

- a. DLUHC have advised that, whilst there are no confirmed financial incentives attached, the Deep Dive may be able to build a future business case that can be utilised towards policy and service change.
- b. Oldham Council has the potential to learn best practice from advisors at DLUHC as well as other local authorities from participating in the Deep Dive
- c. Oldham would be contributing to research which will directly influence central government policy
- d. Positive participation may improve the Council's reputation

Resolved:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Director of Economy be requested to submit a further report to this Scrutiny Board detailing progress on the implementation of the Deep Dive in due course.
3. That the Scrutiny Board consider holding a workshop session around the subject of Temporary Accommodation when more details become available.

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DRAFT ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

The Scrutiny Panel received a report and a presentation from the Director of Environment which reminded members that Oldham Council had declared a climate emergency in September 2019 and had committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2025, with boroughwide carbon neutrality by 2030. The council was presently working towards its declared targets as part of the Green New Deal, and this approach ties in with that of Greater Manchester Combined Authority's 5 Year Environmental Plan.

The GMCA plan had six main strands; in Oldham; three of the strands were covered as part of the Green New Deal and, the other three stands, detailed below, were to be covered through the Environment Strategy.

- Climate Adaptation and Resilience
- Production and Consumption of Resources, and,
- The Natural Environment

The Environment Strategy would apply until 2025, after which, the strategy was expected to be reviewed and then synced with that of the Greater Manchester Environment Plan – this would

allow synergy in approach with Oldham's Greater Manchester partners and the Green New Deal, but would also allow Oldham to focus its resource and attention on areas that are relevant and specific to its unique geography, climatic and environmental challenges, especially around adaptation and resilience.

The report also recognised, as part of the three strands above, that there were other key areas and regulatory regimes that would feed into the Environment Strategy and which required to be incorporated into the planning and delivery of the Councils environmental aims and objectives. These were:

- City of Trees – The Council aims to plant an additional 1,000 trees and five hectares of woodland each year from 2024. This will take place in conjunction with City of Trees, which is delivered at a Greater Manchester level. Oldham has taken the lead in identifying sites that are suitable for planting trees and these have been put forward to maximise the number of trees that could be planted in Oldham – both in public areas as well as dedicated greenspaces such as country parks and our larger urban parks/networks
- Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) – BNG is a new requirement, coming into effect from Autumn 2023 and one that applies to all planning developments. The aim of this is to ensure that all developments through the planning process result in a 'biodiversity net gain' of 10% and this will be delivered at a Greater Manchester level.

Developers cannot be compelled to make the investment in the area where the development is taking place – they can do this at a national level. In order to maximise the gain at a local level, Oldham Council Planning Services were working closely with the Environment Directorate to identify suitable areas and to then raise these at Greater Manchester level to ensure they are considered when developments are taking place.

- Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) – The government introduced legislation under the Environment Act 2021 outlining measures to support the reversal in the decline in nature and biodiversity. This included a new mandatory requirement for local areas in England to develop a spatial strategy for nature recovery, referred to as Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS). The government will provide separate guidance to explain what this means in practice and has previously stated that LNRS will not be a barrier to development, nor will it introduce new/different designations.

The regulations state that the responsible authority must take reasonable steps to involve all supporting authorities (for Greater Manchester, this includes the 10 Greater Manchester Combined Authorities metropolitan district councils, Natural England and Peak District National Park Authority). This work will be delivered at a Greater

Manchester level but would be delivered locally through planning policy and will complement the councils overall aim to increase green space, trees coverage and biodiversity.

The purpose of presenting this draft Environmental Strategy to this Scrutiny Board meeting was to gain feedback and consideration for the approach being proposed with key elements of the Draft Environment Strategy outlined in the Summary section.

Resolved:

1. That the Scrutiny Board supports the aims and aspirations of the Draft Environment Strategy for the Borough and endorses actions already taken.
2. That the Director of Environment be requested to submit a further report to a future meeting of this Scrutiny Board updating members on progress being made.

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CREMATORY AND CEMETERIES

The Scrutiny Board received a report of the Director of Environment which informed members of the opportunities and current/future challenges that exist within the cemetery service that is within the Council's Environment Directorate. The report outlined the current approach to addressing these challenges, as well as the future plans being devised while continuing to provide a high level of service to residents during, what is often, a stressful and difficult time in their lives.

The report outlined the Service's approach towards ensuring the following:

- a. Future burial capacity that meets all residents needs
- b. Ensuring a consistent approach to memorials and headstones at all graveyards
- c. Tackling the risk of flooding at cemeteries
- d. Ensuring the service meets the needs of all the residents in terms of access/out of hours burials
- e. Ensure that upgrades of cremators are made in a timely manner for continued compliance with legal requirements

The meeting was informed that Oldham Council manages seven cemeteries and one crematorium, which is situated with Hollinwood Cemetery and, in all, serves a population of approximately 240,000. During 2022, 470 full interments, 151 cremated remains interments and 1,726 cremations were carried out. The cemetery service provides burials out of normal working hours, covering weekends, Bank Holidays, and evenings (until dusk). During 2022/23, 33 evening and 33 weekend/bank holiday burials took place.

In terms of burial capacity there was currently 39 years of remaining burial capacity borough wide, but officers were aware that work had to be undertaken to ensure future capacity. Chadderton Cemetery had available land that could be developed, potentially adding a further 20 years of burial space. In addition, the Service was working with the Council's Planning

Services to identify other sites that could be developed to provide future burial capacity. It was noted that it was important to identify these sites as part of the Local Plan. Once suitable sites could be identified, there would be a requirement to undertake initial design and planning work to enable this land to be utilised as a burial site. The same approach will be undertaken at other sites boroughwide where additional land has been identified but requires development and assessment before use. The Service would ensure that sites would be brought into use in a timely manner so that there is capacity moving forward.

All Memorial placements and Headstones had to have the prior agreement of the Council and there was a criterion that must be met – this related to the size/dimension/materials and fixing methods of the stonework and any planting on graves. However, there were instances in which permitted sizes have been exceeded. This has resulted in access problems to ensure maintenance and has, on occasion, also prevented visitors to adjacent graves from being able to access the area.

The issue of flooding was also a national problem, largely caused by standing water across all areas after periods of heavy rain. This was also an issue in some of the Borough's cemeteries where, after prolonged or heavy rain, there would be some standing water over graves. The water does dissipate relatively quickly but this issue has been raised more frequently in recent years.

The meeting was advised that the Service provides 'out of hours' access for burials, which was available for all residents of Oldham. However, it was mainly used by the Muslim community given their religious requirement to bury the deceased as soon as practically and legally possible. As a result, the Service works closely with Muslim Funeral Services in Oldham to ensure a timely and suitable provision. Where out of hours access is needed (evenings, weekends and bank holidays), this did not carry an extra charge to cover the costs of service provision outside of normal working hours. The 'out of hours' fees charged by Oldham were commensurate with the works completed and comparable regionally. Based on current figures, Oldham was the fourth cheapest, with six other authorities in Greater Manchester charging more for their 'out of hours' access.

The Crematorium's three cremators were nearing the end of life and due to be replaced within the next 2-5 years. This was to ensure they continued to operate efficiently and to comply with legislative requirements for mercury abatement. A replacement programme would have to be carefully managed to ensure service provision and capacity, both to meet resident and budget needs. A separate report outlining the course of action as well as timelines for replacement was currently being produced and would go through necessary consultation before procurement/replacement could commence.

1. The Scrutiny Board notes the main areas of concern around burial capacity, identified in the report and supports the proposed course of action, to remedy the matters concerned.
2. The Scrutiny Board recommends that the Service develops a more consistent approach towards the development of a policy for memorials and headstones.
3. The Board notes the proposed compliance led approach towards memorial stones.
4. The Board notes the programme of works and interventions with regards to flooding, 'out of hours' access/fees and the cremator replacement programme.

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WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered its Work Programme for 2023/24.

Resolved:

That the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board's Work Programme 2023/24, be noted.

The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 8.10pm

Present: Councillor McLaren (Chair)
Councillors Ghafoor, Ibrahim, Iqbal and Moores

Also in Attendance:

Councillor Arooj Shah – Leader of the Council
Shelley Kipling – Assistant Chief Executive
Peter Richards – Head of Planning
Elizabeth Dryden-Stuart – Planning Service Team Leader
Alex Glenny – Performance Improvement Advisor
Jack Bailey – Executive Policy and Research Advisor to the
Leader
Jack Grennan – Constitutional Services
Peter Thompson – Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hince, Hindle and Williamson. Apologies were also received from Councillor Taylor, Cabinet Member for Housing and Licensing.

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**

A question was received from Mr Matthew Broadbent: Paragraph 2.18 of the public documents pack states "Whilst there are a large number of proposed modifications, including amending the plan period from 2020 to 2037 to 2022 to 2039, they do not change the overall Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy of the plan." However, the proposed modification to Policy JP-H 2 drops the commitment to deliver 50,000 affordable homes across Greater Manchester by 2037. Dropping this key policy commitment limits the ambitions, vision and objectives of the plan at a fundamental level. Whilst it is true that the Local Plans will be able to deliver some of the affordable housing, they will never be able to provide all of the 50,000 affordable homes since they amount to 30% of the overall housing target. Does the Council agree that Cabinet should not approve the modifications for consultation unless the policy to deliver 50,000 affordable homes is restored to the plan in its original form? The commitment to deliver 50,000 affordable homes across Greater Manchester by 2037 is an ambition established in the Greater Manchester Housing Strategy. Places for Everyone (PfE) would be just one part of the solution to meeting this ambition. As a result, the Inspectors consider that it would not be justified to include these 50,000 affordable home targets in PfE policy.

Councillor McLaren, Chair of the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board replied:

The modification to Policy JP-H2 has been proposed to provide clarity in terms of the meaning and implementation of the policy, providing a strategic framework for local plans in setting targets for affordable homes. It does not undermine the 50,000 affordable home commitment, but recognises that not all affordable housing will be delivered through Section 106 agreements associated with new market housing. A high proportion of affordable housing is delivered by Local Authorities, Registered Providers and through the use of Government funding. This is likely to continue to be the case. It is also worth pointing out that the reasoned justification accompanying Policy JP-H2 also includes a modification ensuring that the 50,000 affordable home ambition is included in PfE.

The consultation on the Inspectors' proposed modifications to PfE would be just that – a consultation. Therefore, it would not be appropriate to prevent the opportunity for the consultation to go ahead simply because of concerns over one proposed modification. This would limit the ability for the public and stakeholders to comment on all the proposed modifications, and so limit the robustness of the Inspectors' examination of PfE. If the consultation is allowed to go ahead with all modifications included, the Inspectors can then consider their proposed modifications in light of all the consultation comments and so consider if they should amend any of their proposed modifications or add further ones. The Council will then be able to make a decision on whether to adopt the final modified PfE Plan with a full awareness of all views on the modifications and the Inspectors' final report on the Examination.

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PLACES FOR EVERYONE PLAN: A JOINT DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT FOR 9 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL AUTHORITIES (BOLTON, BURY, MANCHESTER, OLDHAM, ROCHDALE, SALFORD, TAMESIDE, TRAFFORD AND WIGAN) - PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION

The Scrutiny Board received a report of the Executive Director, Place and Economic Growth that provided members with an update on the progress of Places for Everyone Plan: A Joint Development Plan Document for nine Greater Manchester Local Authorities (Places for Everyone Plan) and to seek approval for proposed modifications to the plan.

The submitted report provided an update on the Places for Everyone (PfE) Plan and its independent examination. It was seeking approval from the Cabinet, on 2nd October 2023, for the PfE modifications (Main, Additional and those relating to the enclosed policies map), and associated supporting background documents, to be subject to a period of representations for eight weeks, commencing no earlier than 9th October 2023. A summary of what the modifications means for the overall aims of the Plan and Oldham was included within the report. Following the conclusion of the consultation, the Inspectors would consider all the representations made on the proposed Main

Modifications (MM's) before finalising the examination report and the schedule of recommended MMs.



It was reported that it was considered to be 'normal' for the outcome of a local plan examination to be that the Inspectors(s) recommend MMs to the plan, where necessary to make the plan sound and legally compliant. The Scrutiny Board was advised that as a matter of law a "MM" could only be made if it was necessary in order to make the Plan "sound". The tests which are applied to determine whether a Plan is "sound" are those set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Therefore, legislation enables the Inspector to recommend a MM only if the plan would otherwise be unsound or legally non-compliant. The Inspector has no power to recommend other changes, even if they would improve the plan.

The meeting was advised that the Policies in the Plan would result in the overall extent of the nine authorities' Green Belt land being reduced by 4.1%. the current Green Belt comprised almost 47% of the land covered by the nine authorities. The policies in the Plan would reduce this to just under 45% of the PfE authorities land area remaining as designated Green Belt.

For Oldham specifically the existing Green belt made up 56.1% of the borough (when excluding the area covered by the Peak District National Park) under PfE this would reduce to 54.7% of the borough.

Under the Plan the Oldham 'Allocations' would remain as follows:

- a. JPA2 Stakehill (cross boundary with Rochdale)
- b. JPA12 Beal Valley
- c. JPA13 Bottom Field Farm
- d. JPA14 Broadbent Moss (with a proposed change to the boundary)
- e. JPA15 Chew Brook Farm
- f. JPA16 Cowlshaw
- g. JPA17 Land south of Coal Pit Lane
- h. JPA18 South of Rosary Street (with a proposed change to the boundary)

Resolved:

1. The Scrutiny Board notes the progress made in respect of the Places for Everyone Plan (PfE); and
2. Agrees that the PfE modifications (Main, Additional and those relating to the policies map), and associated supporting background documents, be subject to a period of representations for a period of eight weeks commencing no earlier than 9th October 2023, recommending that the Cabinet, at its meeting on 2nd October 2023 concurs.

The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 7.05pm

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Report to Place, Economic Growth & Environment Scrutiny Committee

Strategic Transport Update

Portfolio Holder:

Councillor Shah, Leader and Cabinet Member for Reform and Regeneration

Officer Contact: Paul Clifford, Director of Economy

Report Author: Eleanor Sykes, Strategic Transport Team Leader

16th October 2023

Reason for Decision

For Scrutiny to note.

Executive Summary

Providing an overview to Scrutiny Members of the work areas of the Strategic Transport Team, including how these fit into the GM picture and progress and delivery against Oldham's Transport Strategy aims. Areas to be covered are as follows:

- GM Local Transport Plan (LTP)
- The Bee Network
- Bus Franchising
- Oldham Transport Strategy – Progress & Delivery
 - Schools Active Travel Infrastructure Audit
 - Transport studies around large development sites (PfE)
 - Development of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)
 - City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)
 - School Streets
 - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI)
 - Creating a Better Place
 - Oldham Bee Network Committee
 - Network Reviews
 - Activation and Communication / Engagement

Recommendations

For Scrutiny to note.

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Strategic Transport Update

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Strategic Transport Update

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GM Local Transport Plan (LTP)

- Local Transport Plan (LTP) - statutory document setting out long-term ambitions for transport.
- GM's current LTP is the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 (GMTS 2040), adopted in 2017 with a light refresh in 2021.

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The LTP guides future investment and strategic policy decisions for transport across GM, demonstrating a clear rationale for intervention, high-level government funding and local investment for transport.

- All local and combined authorities need an up to date LTP. GM are awaiting new LTP guidance to be issued by the DfT. However, work to update the LTP has already begun.
- GM2040 is highly regarded by the DfT, hence the intention to refresh rather than fully revise the document.

GM Local Transport Plan (LTP)

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GM2040 – network principles

GM Local Transport Plan (LTP)

- Transport issues have moved on and new policy areas identified since 2021, as well as wider factors such as inflation and the cost-of-living crisis.
- These issues and new policy areas will be a priority for consideration in the review and include:
 - The Bee Network
 - Bus Franchising
 - Trailblazer deal with Government
 - Covid-19 Pandemic
 - Places for Everyone (PfE) and Growth Locations
 - New funding models for transport
- TfGM will coordinate work on the LTP on behalf of local authorities, GMCA and the Mayor. GM local authorities are partners in the production of the refreshed LTP primarily through Transport Strategy Group (TSG) officers.
- TSG officers will be responsible for supporting engagement / consultation in their districts, briefing members, senior officers and BNC members to get local feedback and ensure 'buy-in' to the refreshed LTP vision, aspirations and policies that will eventually apply across GM.

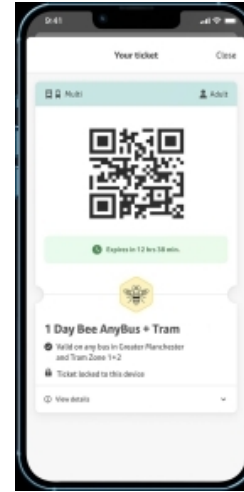
GM Local Transport Plan (LTP)

- GMTS 2040 Progress Report (BNC November 2023)
- ‘Streets for All’ Design Guide (BNC November 2023)
- LTP Vision (BNC December 2023) – high level document used to engage with stakeholders
- Evidence Base – revised / updated technical document to sit alongside LTP Vision and Strategy
- LTP Vision and Strategy (Core Strategy) – overview of delivery priorities to inform subsequent updates of Delivery Plan, consultation summer/autumn 2024, publication spring 2025
- 5-year Delivery Plan (2027-2032) – more detail on how GM will deliver on priorities, consultation mid-2025, publication late-2025
- Updated Local Implementation Plans (LIPs) – more detail on district scheme priorities, consultation mid-2025, publication late-2025

The Bee Network

- Since the last LTP was published, the Bee Network Vision has developed into a 'fully integrated transport network for GM, which brings together walking, wheeling & cycling, bus, tram and trains'.
- The Bee Network is at the heart of GM's transport vision and will push us towards our ambitions for economic growth, the environment and achieving the connectivity we need. It will offer a new, reliable, affordable and sustainable way for residents, businesses and visitors to get around, with one recognisable brand, the bee!
- The refreshed LTP will reflect this ambition and acknowledge progress already made in delivering the Bee Network.
- The newly established Bee Network Committee (BNC) will discuss, consider and approve the majority of transport items in GM, including scheme funding approvals, ticketing and franchising proposals and network review outcomes.

The Bee Network



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Bus Franchising

- Buses are being brought under local control and will be planned and coordinated by TfGM, on behalf of GMCA, the biggest change to public transport in GM in 40 years
- TfGM will, on behalf of GMCA, contract with private transport operators to deliver services specified, with revenue risk and public accountability remaining with TfGM

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Franchising will allow the bus network to be managed as a whole system, alongside other modes, creating the opportunity for integrated timetabling, ticketing and information and allowing GMCA to set fare levels

- The current network will transition ‘as is’, so no significant changes to routes, services or timetables on day one



Bus Franchising

- Before the launch of franchising TfGM developed the GM Bus Strategy. This sets out the vision for the future bus network: to make the bus the first choice for more journeys. It establishes the ambition for a 30% increase in bus patronage by 2030 from 2022/23 levels
- This growth will be driven by improvements, including affordable fares, a more integrated, user-friendly and frequent network, and better infrastructure to provide more reliable bus journeys. This requires additional investment and careful prioritisation of existing resources
- A rolling programme of area-based 'Network Reviews' will commence a few months after franchising is implemented to consider how different areas transport needs can be better met. This is our chance to input and influence new routes, services and coverage for Oldham
- Bus franchising is supported by investment in the bus fleet (electric buses), infrastructure (bus priority measures e.g. bus lanes and signals, bus stop improvements, enhanced crossings and footway improvements) and technology e.g. Bee Network app, real-time information displays.

Bus Franchising



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Transport Strategy – Progress & Delivery

- Oldham Transport Strategy – approved January 2023
- 6 clear ambitions for Oldham’s transport system (healthy, safe, clean, connected, accessible and thriving) that complement GMTS 2040 aims
- Key pieces of work progressing under TS:
 - Schools Active Travel Infrastructure Audit (complete by November 2023)
 - Transport studies/assessments at PfE development sites (ongoing)
 - Development of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) - to identify short, medium and long-term improvements to create a comprehensive, useable network and assist with securing funding via bids or developments (ongoing to Summer 2024)
 - Oldham Bee Network Committee (monthly)
 - Network Reviews – key role in achieving ambitions of the GM Bus Strategy. Provide a mechanism to develop the bus network in a coordinated, planned and efficient manner. Franchising brings access to improved data / management information to better inform network reviews and future decisions (beginning autumn 2023 in tranche order).

Transport Strategy – Progress & Delivery

- City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)
 - CRSTS (2022/23 – 2026/27) – majority of transport capital funding now allocated under CRSTS
 - CRSTS2 (2027/28 – 2031/32) - giving long-term confidence around funding
 - TfGM-led schemes around Metrolink and bus, including QBT corridor (Rochdale-Oldham-Ashton), ‘Quick Wins’ Winter 2023 and Phase 2 engagement imminent, new Metrolink stop at Cop Road
 - Oldham-led schemes, ‘Streets for All’ highway schemes at St Marys Way, Mumps and Beal Valley / Broadbent Moss (to support existing network around the allocation)
- School Streets
 - Open to walking & cycling, closed to vehicles at drop off/pick up times.
 - St Annes, Royton and Buckstones, Shaw – launched and positively received
 - Will deliver up to 5 more this academic year
 - Scheme development includes engagement with schools to develop travel plan / promote active travel
 - Schools active travel audit / engagement will identify next priorities
 - Enforcement by ANPR cameras may be the only option in some locations

Transport Strategy – Progress & Delivery

- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI)
 - Electric Vehicle Taxi Charging – 5 points, 3 locations (legal agreement finalised then open to use)
 - Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) – govt. funding to support roll-out of on-street EVCI. GM bid for capital and revenue, decision delayed
 - Revenue to fund a post to move this work forward. Capital to pump-prime less viable locations e.g. rural, on-street locations for terraced properties
 - In addition, there is CRSTS Capital EV funding for Oldham
 - Procurement – investigating joint procurement with other LA's, possibly led or supported by GMCA/TfGM
- ‘Creating a Better Place’
 - Town Centre projects to transform streets and public areas are helping to boost the town centre and make it easier, safer and more enjoyable to travel around Oldham – especially for cyclists and pedestrians.
 - Linking in with new developments and partnerships e.g. Eton Star Academy and Muse
- Activation and Communication / Engagement
 - Upcoming engagement on major transport projects
 - Ongoing ‘activation’ of active travel schemes with local partners and providers

Transport Strategy – Progress & Delivery



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Thank you for listening

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WORK PROGRAMME 2023/2024

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31 st August 2023	Environment Strategy: Climate Change and Adaptation	To scrutinise the draft strategy and implementation plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Green and Neighbourhoods • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth • Director of Environment 	New strategy for consideration
	GM 2040 Strategy and Sub-Strategies (inc GM Streets for All) DEFERRED	<p>To receive updates in the Strategy and be briefed/scrutinise a number of draft GM 2040 sub-strategies / funding mechanisms</p> <p>GM2040 Sub Strategies are still in development. Timescales to be confirmed but likely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Freight and Servicing and Road Danger Reduction will likely come forward for January 2023 Local Bus Strategy and Streets for All Guidance is likely to be available in February 2023 GM Streets for All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Regen and Reform • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth • Director of Economy • Peter Richards – Head of Planning • Eleanor Sykes - Transport Strategy Manager 	Regional / Local policy update
	Parks and Trees Review	City of Trees Implementation plan and issues / opportunities for Parks service – requested by members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Neighbourhoods • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth • Director of Environment 	Service performance reporting

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn Dale – Head of Service 	
	Cems & Crems	Issues and opportunities – requested by members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Neighbourhoods • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth • Director of Environment • Glenn Dale – Head of Service 	Service performance reporting
	Assurance Framework on Grant Funded Programmes		Mark Stenson	
	DLUHC Temporary Accommodation Deep Dive Work		Bryn Cooke	Service Performance report
26 th September 2023 (special meeting)	Joint Places for Everyone Development Plan Document (DPD) & Local Plan Update	To scrutinise the proposals following public examination of PfE prior to their consideration by Council and/or Cabinet; and To scrutinize proposals in respect of the Oldham Local Plan prior to their consideration by Council and/or Cabinet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Regeneration and Reform, Housing and Licensing • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth • Director of Economy • Peter Richards – Head of Planning • Elizabeth Dryden-Stuart, Team Leader – Strategic Planning 	Policy Framework item - Final consideration after Public Examination / prior to formal adoption. Update on Local Plan development - draft for consultation
8 th November 2023	Food Safety Inspection Programme	Issues and opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Housing and Licensing • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth • Director of Environment 	National / Regional / Local policy update

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Crabtree – Head of Public Protection 	
	DLUHC Temporary Accommodation Deep Dive Work		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Clifford Director of Economy 	Local policy update
	District Growth Zones	Issues and opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Regen and Reform • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth • Director of Economy • Peter Richards – Head of Planning 	Local policy update
	Economic Review / New Strategy Plan	To scrutinise the Economic Review and implementation plans ahead of the new strategy being determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Regen and Reform and Employment and Enterprise • Executive Director – Place and Economic Growth • Director of Economy • Jon Bloor, Assistant Director Economic Growth. 	Part of the Employment, Work and Training – ‘themed’/significant issue consideration
	Taxi & Hackney Carriage Licensing	Issues and opportunities – requested by members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Housing and Licensing. • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth • Director of Environment • Neil Crabtree – Head of Public Protection • John Garforth – Licensing Manager 	Service performance reporting

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	Green New Deal and Climate Change – joint performance / progress report	Issues previously considered include funding arrangements, GMCA and government priorities and initiatives in green/low carbon issues; and developing a strategic partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Neighbourhoods / Finance and Low Carbon • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth. • Director of Economy & Environment • Andy Hunt – GND Manager 	The Committee has given particular attention to this issue in previous years as a 'major issue'
6 th December 2023	Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy	To consider the Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2021-26 (Annual Update)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Neighbourhoods • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth. • Director of Economy • Bryn Cooke – Head of Housing • Fiona Carr, Principal Housing Officer 	Update report requested by the Committee
	Northern Roots	To scrutinise the performance of Northern Roots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Neighbourhoods • 	Update report requested previously by the Committee
	Selective Licensing of Private Rented Properties Scheme & Update on Housing Standards	This item had previously been listed on the Committee work programme and a Scheme was agreed by the Cabinet in March 2022.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio –Neighbourhoods • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth • Director of Environment • Neil Crabtree – Head of Public Protection 	To receive details of the Scheme and an initial report on implementation.
	Don't Trash Oldham	Annual report/presentation on progress/activities/initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Neighbourhoods 	Service performance reporting

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	Creating a Better Place	To scrutinize the annual update regarding Creating a Better Place and development of Oldham town centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Leader of the Council • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth. • Director of Economy 	Update report requested previously by the Committee
19 th March 2024	Property Management and Maintenance	Annual report/presentation on progress/activities/initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Regen and Reform • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth. • Director of Economy • Katy Webster – AD Property & Projects 	Annual Report consideration/ Service performance reporting.
	Planning Performance and Housing Delivery Test	Annual report/presentation on progress/activities/initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Housing and Licensing • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth. • Director of Economy • Peter Richards – Head of Planning 	Annual Report consideration/ Service performance reporting.
	Emergency Plan – annual review	Annual report/presentation on progress/activities/initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Neighbourhoods • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth. • Director of Environment • Darren McGrattan 	Annual Report consideration/ Service performance reporting.
	Highways Performance & Repairs	Annual report/presentation on progress/activities/initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Neighbourhoods • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth. • Director of Environment 	Annual Report consideration/ Service performance reporting.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon Anderson – Head of Highways 	
	Assurance Framework on Grant Funded Programmes	Update report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Stenson 	

Pending Issues

National Changes to Waste Collections (DEFRA) & Future Challenges	Issues and opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Neighbourhoods. • Executive Director Place and Economic Growth • Director of Environment • Craig Dale – Head of Service 	National/Regional/Local policy update
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KEY DECISION DOCUMENT – COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM 16 OCTOBER 2023

Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
EDR-16-23 New!	Egyptian Room	Director of Economy	13 November 2023	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Reform and Regeneration
<p>Description: Variation to existing contract Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet report - private: Paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest to disclose the information because it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party.</p>				
Page 37	Waste Collection Service	Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth	November 2023	Cabinet Member- Neighbourhoods
<p>Description: Review of Waste Collection Service for domestic and trade. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Public</p>				
TBC	Oldham Theatre Planning Application	Director of Economy	November 2023	Cabinet Member - Business, Employment and Enterprise
<p>Description: Submission of a planning application for the proposed Oldham Theatre Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Planning application (public)</p>				

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TBC	Cultural Quarter Public Realm Planning Application	Director of Economy	November 2023	Cabinet Member - Business, Employment and Enterprise
Description: Planning application for the proposed Cultural Quarter Public Realm Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Planning application (public)				
Page 38	VCFSE Investment Fund (One Oldham Fund)	Director of Public Health	November 2023	Cabinet Member - Health and Social Care
Description: Decision to invest Covid Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) into the One Oldham Fund. Document(s) to be considered in public				
New!	Construction and Highways Works & Services (CHWS) Framework Agreement - Existing Framework		13 th November 2023	Cabinet
Description: Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet report - private: Paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest to disclose the information because it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party.				
	Carriageway Investment Funding	Director of Environment	13 th November 2023	Cabinet

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Description: Additional funding for carriageway surfacing/treatments Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet report - private: Paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest to disclose the information because it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party.				
New!	Pot Hole Funding 2023/24		13 th November 2023	Cabinet
Description: Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet report - private: Paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest to disclose the information because it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party.				
New!	Temporary Accommodation Long Term Leasing Options		13 th November 2023	Cabinet
Description: Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet report - private: Paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest to disclose the information because it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party.				
New!	Grant Acceptance: One Public Estate (OPE) Brownfield Land Release Fund – Round 2	Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth	13 th November 2023	Cabinet

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
<p>Description: Oldham Council has secured capital funding for the remediation of three sites in the town centre; the Civic Centre and QE Hall, the former leisure site and the former Magistrates Court</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to confirm the value of the grant available to Oldham Council and notify Cabinet of the intention to bring this additional resource into the capital programme to commence detailed negotiations leading to the site clearance and remediation of all 3 sites</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet report - private: Paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest to disclose the information because it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party.</p>				
<p>2023 04 New!</p>	<p>UKSPF: Inclusive Employment and Skills</p>		<p>13th November 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>
<p>Description: Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet report - private: Paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest to disclose the information because it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party.</p>				
	<p>Future Commissioning intentions for the Hospital to Home Service (Care at Home)</p>		<p>13th November 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>
<p>Description: Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet report - private: Paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest to disclose the information because it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party.</p>				
	<p>Sustainable Oldham Strategic Partnership Agreement</p>	<p>Director of Economy</p>	<p>13th November 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
<p>Description: A new single Partnership Agreement to award Transport related civil engineering projects for City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) bids, Levelling Up 2 bids and other related civil engineering related projects. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet report to follow</p>				
	Report of the Director of Finance – Proposed Consultation for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/25	Director of Finance	13 th November 2023	Cabinet
<p>Description: To update on the proposed consultation process to be undertaken by the Council with regard to the 2024/25 Council Tax Reduction Scheme. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Report of the Director of Finance – Proposed Consultation for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/25 Background Documents: Appendices – Various Report to be considered in Public</p>				
	Report of the Director of Finance – Treasury Management Strategy Mid -Year Review 2023/24	Director of Finance	13 th November 2023	Cabinet

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
<p>Description: Review of the performance for the first half of the financial year in relation to the Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Report of the Director of Finance – Treasury Management Strategy Mid-Year Review 2023/24.</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices</p> <p>Report to be considered in Public</p>				
<p>Page 12 New!</p>	<p>Future Arrangements for Children’s Centres</p>	<p>Director of Education, Skills & Early Years</p>	<p>13th November 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>
<p>Description: Request to carry out public consultation on proposed future arrangements for Children's Centres in Oldham Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet report - private: Paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest to disclose the information because it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party.</p>				
<p>New!</p>	<p>Targeted Impartial Information Advice and Guidance</p>		<p>13th November 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>
<p>Description: Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet report - private: Paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest to disclose the information because it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party.</p>				
	<p>Report of the Director of Finance – Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 Quarter 2</p>	<p>Director of Finance</p>	<p>13th November 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
<p>Description: The report provides an update on the Council’s 2023/24 forecast revenue budget position and the financial position of the capital programme as at the period ending 30 September 2023 (Quarter 2) Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Report of the Director of Finance – Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 Quarter 2 Background Documents: Appendices – Various Report to be considered in Public</p>				
ppage 43	Gallery Oldham ‘Priority Maintenance Works’		December 2023	Cabinet
<p>Description: Document(s) to be considered in public or private:</p>				
New!	Care at Home services		December 2023	Cabinet
<p>Description: Document(s) to be considered in public or private:</p>				
(HSC-14-23)	Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund - Workforce Fund and Urgent and Emergency Care Support Fund		December 2023	Cabinet
<p>Description: Document(s) to be considered in public or private:</p>				

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New!	Temporary Accommodation Long Term Leasing Options		December 2023	Cabinet
Description: Document(s) to be considered in public or private:				
	Report of the Director of Finance – Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/25	Director of Finance	December 2023	Cabinet
Description: To determine the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2024/25 Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Report of the Director of Finance – Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/25 Background Documents: Appendices – Various Report to be considered in Public				
	Report of the Director of Finance and Director of Education, Skills and Early Years – Schools Funding Formula	Director of Finance	December 2023	Cabinet
Description: Schools funding formula for 2024/25 in relation to the National Funding Formula Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Report of the Director of Finance and Director of Education, Skills and Early Years – Schools Funding Formula Background documents: Various Appendices Report to be considered in public.				

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
	Adoption and publication of Oldham Council's Social Value Policy	Deputy Chief Executive -	December 2023	Cabinet
<p>Description: To approve the adoption and publication of a corporate social value policy to support Oldham Council and the wider Borough. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Social Value Policy - Public</p>				
	Alexandra Park Eco Centre Update	Director of Economy	January 2024	Cabinet
<p>Description: Update regarding the new Eco Centre at Alexandra Park Depot. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet Report (Private). Restricted Paragraph Part 3 report</p>				
Page 45	Report of the Director of Finance Budget 2024/25 – Determination of the Tax Bases for Council Tax Setting and for Business Rates Income Purposes	Director of Finance	January 2024	Cabinet
<p>Description: The Determination of the Tax Bases for Council Tax Setting and for Business Rates Income for use in 2024/25 budget deliberations. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Report of the Director of Finance Budget 2024/25 – Determination of the Tax Bases for Council Tax Setting and for Business Rates Income Purposes</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices - Various</p> <p>–Report to be considered in Public</p>				

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
	Oldham Council's inclusion within the Greater Manchester Business Rates Pool 2024/25.	Director of Finance	January 2024	Cabinet Member - Finance and Corporate Resources
<p>Description: The report seeks formal approval for the Council's inclusion in the Greater Manchester Business Rates Pool for the financial year 2024/25.</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Oldham Council's inclusion within the Greater Manchester Business Rates Pool 2024/25</p> <p>Background Documents: Various Appendices</p> <p>Report to be considered in Public</p>				
	Non-Domestic Rates Tax Base 2024/25	Director of Finance	January 2024	Cabinet Member - Finance and Corporate Resources

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
	<p>Description: Report setting out information to determine the Non-Domestic (Business Rates) Tax Base for 2024/25, using the most up to date information and estimates available. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed report title: Non-Domestic Rates Tax Base 2024/25</p> <p>Background Documents: Various Appendices and Council Tax Tax Base and Non-Domestic Rates Tax Base Forecast 2024/25 (Presented to Cabinet on 22 January 2024)</p> <p>Report to be considered in Public</p>			
Page 47	Report of the Director of Finance – Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024/25	Director of Finance	February 2024	Cabinet
	<p>Description: To consider the Council’s Treasury Management Strategy for 2024/25 - including Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement, Annual Investment Strategy and Prudential Indicators Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Report of the Director of Finance – Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024/25</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices</p> <p>–Report to be considered in Public</p>			
	Report of the Director of Finance – Revenue Budget 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 to 2028/29	Director of Finance	February 2024	Cabinet

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
Page 48	<p>Description: To consider the Administration’s detailed revenue budget for 2024/25 and budget reduction proposals, together with the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2024/25 to 2028/29, incorporating the current policy landscape and Local Government Finance Settlement. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Report of the Director of Finance – Revenue Budget 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 to 2028/29</p> <p>Background Documents: Various appendices</p> <p>Report to be considered in Public</p>			
	Report of the Director of Finance – Capital Programme & Capital Strategy for 2024/25 to 2028/29	Director of Finance	February 2024	Cabinet
	<p>Description: To consider the Council’s Capital programme and capital strategy. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Report of the Director of Finance – Capital Programme & Capital Strategy for 2024/25 to 2028/29</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices</p> <p>–Report to be considered in Public</p>			
	Report of the Director of Finance – Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 Month 8	Director of Finance	February 2024	Cabinet

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Page 49	<p>Description: The report provides an update on the Council’s 2023/24 forecast revenue budget position and the financial position of the capital programme as at the period ending 30 November 2023 (Month 8) Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Report of the Director of Finance – Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 Month 8 Background Documents: Appendices – Various Report to be considered in Public</p>			
	<p>Joint Report of the Executive Director Place and Economic Growth and Director of Finance – Housing Revenue Account Estimates for 2024/25 to 2028/29 and Projected Outturn for 2023/24.</p>	<p>Director of Finance, Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth</p>	<p>February 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>
	<p>Description: The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Outturn Estimates for 2023/24, the detailed budget for 2024/25 and the Strategic HRA Estimates for the four years 2025/26 to 2028/2 Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Housing Revenue Account Estimates for 2024/25 to 2028/29 and Projected Outturn for 2023/24 Background Documents: Appendices –Report to be considered in Public</p>			

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
	Report of the Director of Finance – Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 Quarter 3	Director of Finance	March 2024	Cabinet
<p>Description: The report provides an update on the Council’s 2023/24 forecast revenue budget position and the financial position of the capital programme as at the period ending 31 December 2023 (Quarter 3) Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Report of the Director of Finance – Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 Quarter 3</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices – Various</p> <p>Report to be considered in Public</p>				
	Report of the Director of Finance - Local Taxation and Benefits Discretionary Policies 2024/25	Director of Finance	March 2024	Cabinet
<p>Description: To confirm the Council’s Local Taxation and Benefits Discretionary Policies for 2024/25 Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Local Taxation and Benefits Discretionary Policies 2024/25</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices</p> <p>Report to be considered in public</p>				
	Report of the Director of Finance – Treasury Management 2023/24 – Quarter 3 Report	Director of Finance	March 2024	Cabinet

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
<p>Description: The Quarter 3 review of Treasury Management activity during the third Quarter of 2023/24. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Report of the Director of Finance – Treasury Management Review 2023/24 – Quarter 3 Report</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices</p> <p>Report to be considered in Public</p>				

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Key:

New! - indicates an item that has been added this month

Notes:

1. The procedure for requesting details of documents listed to be submitted to decision takers for consideration is to contact the Contact Officer contained within the Key Decision Sheet for that item. The contact address for documents is Oldham Council, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UH. Other documents relevant to those matters may be submitted to the decision maker.
2. Where on a Key Decision Sheet the Decision Taker is Cabinet, the list of its Members are as follows: Councillors Arooj Shah, Elaine Taylor, Shaid Mushtaq, Abdul Jabbar MBE, Fida Hussain, Barbara Brownridge, Mohon Ali, Chris Goodwin and Peter Dean.
3. Full Key Decision details (including documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration, specific contact officer details and notification on if a report is likely to be considered in private) can be found via the online published plan at:
<http://committees.oldham.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=144&RD=0>

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Notice of Private Reports

In accordance with Part 2 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012)

Oldham Borough Council intends to hold a private meeting (or part thereof) of the Cabinet on Monday, 13th November 2023

Decision to be taken (Agenda Item)

Decisions proposed to be taken in part in private at Cabinet on 13th November 2023

- Construction of Highways Works & Services (CHWS) Framework Agreement – Existing Framework
- Pot Hole Funding 2023/24
- Temporary Accommodation Long Term Leasing Options
- Grant Acceptance: One Public Estate (OPE) Brownfield Land Release Fund – Round 2
- UKSPF: Inclusive Employment and Skills
- Future Commissioning intentions for the Hospital to Home Service (Care at Home)
- Sustainable Oldham Strategic Partnership Agreement
- Future Arrangements for Children’s Centres
- Targeted Impartial Information Advice and Guidance

KEY DECISION DOCUMENT – COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM 16 OCTOBER 2023

Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
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Reason

The meeting (or part thereof) will be held in exempt session on the grounds that the reports and background papers will contain the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) – information relating to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party.

Representations

If you wish to make representations against the intention to hold a private meeting, please send these to Constitutional Services, Level 4, Civic Centre, Oldham, O11 1UL or email: constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk

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