

PLACE, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY BOARD

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Agenda

Date Tuesday 19 March 2024

Time 6.00 pm

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

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Councillors Ghafoor, Hindle, Ibrahim, Iqbal, McLaren (Chair), Moores, Sheldon 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 Taxi Licensing Update (Pages 1 - 4)

To update Members on the status of the private hire and hackney carriage trade in Oldham.

6 Creating a Better Place Update (Pages 5 - 42)

To review the progress on the Creating a Better Place Programme.

7 Work Programme (Pages 43 - 48)

To consider the 2023/24 work programme.

8 Key Decision Document (Pages 49 - 62)

9 Rule 13 and 14

To consider any rule 13 or 14 decisions since the previous meeting.

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Report to Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board

Taxi Licensing Update

Portfolio Holder:

Councillor Elaine Taylor, Cabinet Member for Housing & Licensing

Officer Contact: Nasir Dad – Director of Environment

Report Author: John Garforth – Service Manager

19 March 2024

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the status of the private hire and hackney carriage trade in Oldham.

Recommendation:

Members are asked to:

- Note the report
- Note the changes in policy and the impact this has had on driver/vehicle applicants
- Note the current approach towards engagement with the trade
- Note the challenges that exist in terms of ongoing compliance in the industry
- Provide feedback on the report contents and policy direction

Taxi Licensing Update

1 Background

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on policy changes that have been made and what these have meant in terms of number of licence holders, trade liaison, challenges facing the taxi trade, and its regulatory impact.

2 Licensing Policy

2.1 Oldham Council has had a strong and effective licensing policy for a number of years, one which other authorities refer to as good practice. Officers continue to engage and work closely with our partners within Greater Manchester to ensure consistency in approach and standards.

2.2 With the direction from Government on the need to draft a clean air plan, the Greater Manchester Licensing Authorities decided to not only look at dovetailing licensing policy into the clean air plan, but went further, and commenced a project to create minimum licensing standards across Greater Manchester. This approach led to greater consistency and standardization across the GM region.

2.3 In June 2023, the Licensing Committee approved several changes aimed at reviewing the regulatory burden on the trade whilst ensuring that public safety remained our highest priority. This resulted in the following changes:

- The lower age limit for vehicles coming into the taxi fleet being removed
- Front licence plates being replaced with a window disc
- Operator door signs replaced with licensing issued signs

2.4 The above approach has ensured a strong policy position which works with the trade to make reasonable and pragmatic changes without impacting on public safety and ensures high standards and security.

3 Suitability of applicants and licence holders

3.1 The policy changes resulted in a steady increase of new applicants who were generally Oldham residents but had previously been licensed by other authorities, mainly from Merseyside and the Midlands (9,000 GM residents had registered with on Authority from the Midlands).

3.2 In April 2023, before the above changes were introduced, there were 1,300 drivers licensed by Oldham Council – since the changes, there are now 2,000 licensed drivers with a further 800 applications in the system. Similarly, the number of vehicles registered with Oldham Council has also increased; now at 1,250 from a previous figure of 1,000.

3.3 The significant increases in registered drivers and vehicles has required changes to some of the Authority's processes and for the need to review the staffing resources required to deliver an effective service.

3.4 With the safety of passengers and the wider public being the 'golden thread', officers continue to robustly vet applicants and existing licence holders. Oldham Councils fitness and suitability of applicant's policy ensures that only those who are safe to be licensed drivers are issued a licence and the robust compliance checks ensure that only suitable and safe vehicles are approved.

4 **Trade Liaison**

4.1 Officers and Members continue to meet regularly with trade representatives. There are now two strong and effective private hire associations and a long-established taxi owners association. Through regular meetings, officers are able to understand concerns/issues that are a problem for the trade and provide advice/guidance as appropriate. Where changes to policy and approach can be supported, these are presented to the licensing committee – a good example being the changes introduced in 2023 which have led to an increase in applicants to Oldham and greater local control over the trade.

4.2 Improved dialogue and understanding is proving effective in developing policy and whilst some trade requests cannot always be supported, communication is strong and effective, and the trade associations assist their members with issues that arise from time to time.

5 **Challenges**

5.1 Outdated legislation continues to be a detriment to the industry and regulators alike. With legislation dating back to 1847, in some cases, a revision is desperately needed and although some indications have been given that, where parliamentary time allows, revisions will be made, including national standards, no changes have been laid before parliament for consideration.

5.2 The recently issued 'Best Practice Guidance from the Department for Transport' does not go far enough to clarify several points relating to how to regulate the industry. It remains vague in several areas and does not go far enough to ensure consistency and local regulation. Examples include:

- Vehicle age limits
- How to assess the accessibility needs of hackney carriages
- Lack of criteria for additional tests above the MOT standard

5.3 Project work required in relation to private hire and taxi licensing having considered the revised Best Practice Guidance includes:

- Whether we should continue to restrict the number of hackney carriage licences
- Location and maintenance of taxi ranks and roadside infrastructure
- Whether hackney carriages should be mandated to accept payment by card
- Review the frequency of DBS checks with a view to increasing their frequency
- Develop an Inclusive Service Plan to consider duties under the Equality Act
- Work with GM Authorities to develop a plan to move to zero emission vehicles
- Ensure taxi licensing features in our next Local Transport Strategy

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Report to Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board

Creating a Better Place Update

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Reform and Regeneration

Officer Contact: Paul Clifford, Director of Economy

Report Author: Paul Clifford, Director of Economy
Chris Lewis, Strategic Lead for Creating a Better Place

19th March 2024

Reason for Decision

Briefing on the Creating a Better Place Programme

Executive Summary

Cabinet approval was first obtained in January 2020 for the Council's '**Creating a Better Place (CaBP)**' strategic framework and capital regeneration programme. Following the onset of the pandemic, the programme was reviewed to re-prioritise and reconfirm the projects included in the programme to ensure alignment to the borough's economic recovery and to support the financial implications associated with responding to the Covid-19 virus: this was reported to Cabinet in July 2021.

The programme remains on track to deliver new homes, create jobs and deliver against our Green New Deal commitments ensuring Oldham is a great place to live, work and visit with lots of family friendly and accessible places to go. This report provides Place Scrutiny with an update on the strategic progress of the Creating a Better Place regeneration programme, including external funding opportunities secured, benefits realised, and the associated Social Value generated to **Create a Better Place**.

Recommendations

To review and note progress on the Creating a Better Place Programme

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The very best towns and cities around the world have one thing in common – they are both people and quality focused. Quality of place is paramount to thriving communities and we want Oldham to be a place where people feel they belong, they feel safe, proud and it is an exciting place where people can live, work and spend time.
- 1.2 Growing our economy through social enterprise, starting new business ventures and supporting the expansion of existing businesses, apprentice opportunities for work and skills development, and development and construction employment opportunities is increasingly more important to ensure residents have access to paid work to support themselves and their families through various challenges including rising inflation.
- 1.3 The Creating a Better Place programme has enabled a number of key partnerships to be strengthened ensuring Oldham has a strong narrative locally, regionally and nationally enabling Oldham, amongst other things, to secure substantial external funding to invest within the town and accelerate delivery of our regeneration activities to Create a Better Place. Most notable of these is the recent partnership announced with MUSE to create up to 2,000 new homes across a number of strategic sites within Oldham Town Centre.
- 1.4 The projects within the Town Centre will ensure its sustainability, including the Spindles, that the Council acquired and the associated projects including new public sector office accommodation, a new food court, new home for the indoor market and a Performance space. In addition, across the Town Centre we are establishing a new public park, the delivery of 2,000 new homes whilst also protecting and investing in our historical assets through the redevelopment of the Old Library and outside of the Town Centre the redevelopment of Royton Town Hall and Library.
- 1.5 CaBP also provides important revenue saving opportunities to ensure the best use of public funds, value for money is demonstrated and social value is embedded into all projects for wider community benefits. The financial savings have been embedded into the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Capital Programme. Separate annual reports are due for Cabinet consideration once again, which includes Creating a Better Place financial matters, as part of the annual budget setting procedures.
- 1.6 Strong progress is being made against the priorities identified through comprehensive and ongoing consultation with members, residents and businesses to deliver family friendly activities, improved accessibility, sustainability, green energy, new jobs and apprenticeships, new businesses, filling empty units, more things to do and places to visit. The update contained within this report and accompanying presentation evidences our progress in delivering against these key priorities.

2.0 Creating a Better Place: Strategic Updates

- 2.1 The CaBP Programme continues to make a strong positive impact to the regeneration of the town, creating Social Value and delivering financial savings. The programme has delivered £3.5m of revenue savings to date with further additional savings projected over the next three years to the value of c£7.2m.
- 2.2 Working closely with various partners locally, regionally, and nationally Oldham's strong Vision, plans and ability to deliver schemes have resulted in the CaBP Programme securing

external funding in excess of £70m to date with the Council continuing to identify additional funding opportunities moving forward.

- 2.3 Our Green New Deal continues to progress at pace with various schemes in development and delivery, these include large capital infrastructure schemes including the Oldham Town Centre Low Carbon District Heat Network and Wrigley Head Solar Farm. The Green New Deal Programme continues its strong track record of securing external funding including £8.7m for the Oldham Town Centre Low Carbon District Heat Network and £2m of external grant funding to enable decarbonisation works to commence on the Spindles shopping centre in support of the Councils continuing drive to decarbonise the Council's buildings. The Council are bringing together key stakeholders and partners at the launch of Oldham's inaugural Green Summit on the 8th March 2024 to further progress and strengthen this agenda.
- 2.4 The programme continues to act as a catalyst for new jobs within Oldham through the various projects both planned and in delivery. The Broadway Green development is a prime example that includes 600,000sq feet of employment space, creating up to 2,000 new jobs and up to 500 new homes on the development. The development is clear evidence of the private sector investing in Oldham with the recent addition of an ALDI and Costa on the site. Jobs and apprenticeships are also being created through the construction work both planned and underway within the Town Centre and across the town.
- 2.5 We continue to perform well against our programme housing targets with the delivery of 403 homes against our target of 352 for 2022/23. Our recently announced new strategic partnership with MUSE is set to deliver a further 2,000 much needed homes within the Town Centre.
- 2.6 A key component of the CaBP programme is generating Social Value, which has substantial opportunity to benefit both individual residents and our wider communities. Social value is firmly embed within CaBP as part of our procurement processes and secures a contractual commitment from our contractors to deliver social value benefits. New apprenticeships, job creation and educational sessions at local schools and colleges are a few examples.

3.0 Creating a Better Place: Strategic Updates

3.1 Town Centre

The CaBP programme was constructed following comprehensive consultation with our local communities and businesses to help clearly define and ensure wider awareness and engagement with our regeneration ambitions. This work has also helped ensure that local priorities, and ideas and suggestions from local communities and businesses were embedded into the Programme and associated project work in various stages from planning through to delivery.

The engagement process formed part of the Big Oldham Conversation, with specific consultation and engagement events both digitally and in person with specialist groups, residents, town centre businesses and market traders to help raise awareness and seek feedback on various town centre projects and the overall vision for the future of the town. Consultation continues as each project goes through the key stages of development.

Clear visible progress can be viewed with various communication channels being used on projects working their way through the planning process combined with those currently on site that is contributing to a real vibrancy within the Town Centre. These schemes include work at the Spindles on new office accommodation, new archives centre, the new Tommyfield Market and Food Court, new Performance Space. In addition, other schemes

currently on site include schemes to safeguard and ensure the future sustainability of historical buildings, including the Old Library and the Old Post Office which will be transformed into a state-of-the-art theatre as part of our ongoing development of Oldham's Cultural Quarter. Whilst the CaBP vision and programme is clearly articulated we continue to explore further opportunities in parallel to ensure a sustainable town centre that is safer, cleaner and greener with an improved shopping experience and regular events for all generations within the Town Centre. Further details on the various schemes can be viewed here: [Creating a Better Place | Oldham Council](#)

Further project consultation will take place at the appropriate time in conjunction with standard practice for project development / planning application considerations, however feedback from residents, local business, visitors, and market traders continues to be positive and really helpful for shaping the following projects ahead of seeking approval for progression

The transformational plans can also be viewed via a fly through video, bringing the town centre plans to life with the film outlining what we plan to do and where – including the redevelopment of Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre, the creation of a brand-new town centre park and a dedicated cultural quarter with new theatre. The video can be viewed here [Welcome to your new town centre - YouTube](#)

3.2 Housing

The CaBP programme continues with great success to deliver against ambitious new housing targets to meet the housing needs of our residents in delivering various sizes and tenure. Delivery of these homes include various sites across Oldham most notably Broadway Green alongside an employment site delivering valuable jobs for our residents of Oldham, the latest housing phases for Broadway Green are due to be approved in the next few months.

It is clear that Oldham is being recognised as having a clear strategic approach to regeneration and as a result securing various external funding grants to accelerate our progress, for example Brownfield Land Grant, whilst also attracting high calibre partners. Following the completion of a competitive procurement exercise, the Council were delighted to approve at Cabinet the appointment of national placemaker Muse, as its new Strategic Development Partner for the delivery of new homes within Oldham Town Centre.

Entering into a delivery partnership of this nature is a key milestone for the Council helping to realise one of the key objectives within the Creating a Better Place Programme, notably the creation of up to 2,000 new homes across a number of strategic sites.

Muse were selected as the preferred bidder having demonstrated a thorough understanding of the ambition and scale of Oldham's regeneration plans, and the capability and track-record to deliver, with a highly experienced team headed by a born and bred Oldhamer Phil Mayall. Oldham Council and Muse's joint delivery of up to 2,000 homes in the Town Centre is a fantastic opportunity to create new communities for the future and unlock brownfield land for regeneration.

Creating new homes on such a large scale will bring about a huge range of benefits for the whole borough including increased footfall in the town centre and boosting local businesses whilst maximising the opportunities presented by under-utilised sites. The partnership will also support the borough's pioneering Greener Oldham developments - supporting the Green New Deal by embedding sustainability and net zero carbon ambitions within the project where possible. The partnership will also provide opportunities for employment, learning, skills and social contributions across the design, procurement, delivery, and operational phases of the projects.

The Creating a Better Place programme will clearly continue to play a key role in response to the Housing Crisis within Oldham and the wider Council/partner response to this key agenda and challenge.

3.3 Green New Deal

The Oldham Green New Deal (OGND) Strategy was adopted in March 2020 and deals with the upgrade of energy infrastructure in the Council's estate and Oldham borough to achieve stretching carbon neutrality targets. The strategy aims to achieve this by securing investment and delivery capacity in low carbon infrastructure to realise a range of benefits such as jobs and training opportunities for residents in this key growth sector, contracts for Oldham's local Green Technology and Services sector businesses, lower energy bills for businesses and residents and improvements in local green infrastructure for communities.

The OGND delivery programme comprises a range of initiatives and projects including large capital infrastructure schemes such as the Oldham Town Centre Low Carbon District Heat Network (£40m), decarbonisation retrofit of Spindles (£4m) and Wrigley Head Solar Farm (£1.3m). With the exception of Wrigley Head, most of these capital schemes have either secured grant funded (e.g. by the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme) or the intention is that they will be funded and delivered by our private sector should the Council wish to proceed on this basis (e.g. Town Centre District Heat Network). This Town Centre Heat Network will form a strategic piece of energy infrastructure linking into the redevelopment of the Town Centre as a whole, including the new Master Developer partnership with Muse, and has already attracted significant grant funding and capacity support from the Department of Energy Security & Net Zero and the GM Combined Authority. First Choice Homes Oldham are also a key partner in that project, and we have the opportunity to transfer the existing heat network at St Mary's into the new town centre wide heat network scheme at a future point in time.

Other projects within the OGND delivery programme include RED WoLF (demonstrating an innovative hybrid low carbon electrical heating system in 19 Council-owned social homes at Primrose Bank), Alexandra Park Eco-Centre (depot renovation), Northern Roots (now an independent charity developing the UK's largest eco-park) and the Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership.

The OGND Delivery Partnership initiative is the most significant of all of the projects within the OGND programme, and aims to establish a cross-sector investment and delivery partnership which will procure a major commercial infrastructure developer partner to work with Oldham's anchor organisations and communities to develop and deliver a pipeline of low carbon infrastructure projects to meet local needs and priorities (including the reduction of energy bills for residents and businesses). Oldham's Local Area Energy Plan (developed by Energy Systems Catapult as part of the GM Local Energy Market project) shows an opportunity for up to £5.6bn of low carbon infrastructure in the borough which will be required to reach carbon neutrality. The Council has carried out three market engagement exercises which have each showed significant interest from major market players in working in Oldham on a collaborative basis. The Council has also recently submitted a bid for £1.6m of revenue grant funding from Innovate UK (as part of a consortium with GMCA and Manchester CC) which, if successful, will fund all costs associated with establishing the OGND Delivery Partnership. The partnership is expected to be self-funding on an ongoing basis.

Further grant funding from the Levelling Up Fund is supporting the creation of the Green Shoots Centre, a state-of-the-art zero carbon business incubator facility to be situated at Rhodes Bank (also the site for the proposed low carbon heat network energy centre), the new town centre park and an education centre at Northern Roots, as well as improvements in active travel infrastructure in the Oldham Greenway.

The Council also recently secured £140K revenue grant funding from Connected Places Catapult to develop area-based retrofit schemes for 'able to pay' Oldham residents to support them to improve the energy performance and comfort of their homes and reduce their energy bills over the longer term.

4.0 Creating a Better Place: Project Updates

4.1 An overview and further information on the progress of the CaBP Programme is provided within the accompanying presentation for scrutiny members to review, given the commitment to make timely progress and so local communities can see the projects brought to life on site and benefiting from our Social Value commitments.

5.0 Consultation

5.1 The CaBP programme was constructed following comprehensive consultation with our local communities and businesses to help clearly define and ensure wider awareness and engagement with our regeneration ambitions. This work has also helped ensure that local priorities, and ideas and suggestions from local communities and businesses were embedded into the Programme and associated project work in various stages from planning through to delivery.

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6.0 Key Decision

6.1 No

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 Not Applicable

8.0 Appendices

8.1 CaBP PowerPoint Presentation

Creating a Better Place

Policy Overview & Scrutiny Committee

March 2024



Vision & Outcomes

‘Creating a Better Place’ sets out a comprehensive vision and strategic framework for the borough, which includes the Oldham Town Centre Vision, Housing Strategy, Green New deal and utilisation of the Council’s corporate estate (land and property) to support development and open space requirements across the borough.

The ambition and vision is that we will be **‘Creating a Better Place’...**

- ... by building quality homes
- ... by providing opportunities to learn & gain new skills
- ... by providing opportunities to grow local businesses and create jobs
- ... by ensuring Oldham is the greenest borough
- ... by embedding sustainability, energy efficiency & low (zero) carbon
- ... by improving life-chances and the health / well-being of our residents
and local communities

CaBP Benefits To Date

Output/ Outcome	All Years	
	Profile	Actual
New Homes created (Borough wide)	2,250	1,100
New Council Tax created (Borough wide recorded)	£3,375,000	£1,131,842
Disposals - Capital receipts	£11,139,407	£13,943,561
Disposals - Revenue saving	£8,771,000	£2,377,000
New commercial floorspace created (retail, leisure and commercial)	700,000	383,324
External Funding secured	£75,000,000	£73,685,018

External Grant Funding Secured

- £24.4m Towns Fund
- £20m Levelling Up Fund
- £11.5m Mayors Cycling and Walking Fund
- £10.4m Brownfield Land Release Fund
- £8.7m Green Heat Network Fund
- £8.4m Future High Street Fund
- £3.8m Shared Prosperity Fund
- £2.1m Spindles decarbonisation works
- £1.9m UU Recovery Fund
- £237,000 High Street Accelerator Fund

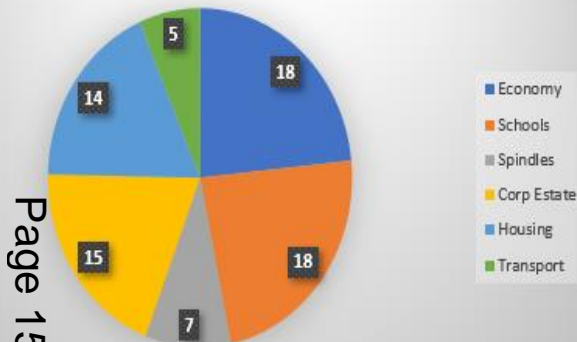
CaBP Programme Performance Dashboard

PROJECT DATA

Project By Stage

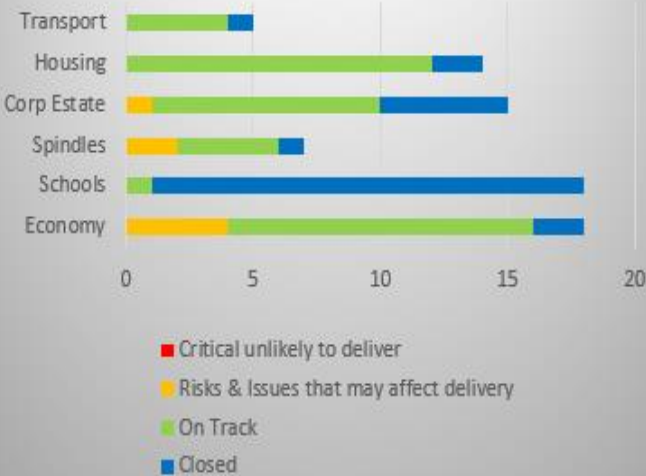
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Projects by Theme



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Overall Project Status by Theme



RISK DATA

Risk Stratification (Programme Level)

P R O B A B I L I T Y	5	4	3	2	1
	4				3
	3	1	4	1	
	2	4	7	4	
	1				
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	IMPACT				

Detail of Red Programme Risks

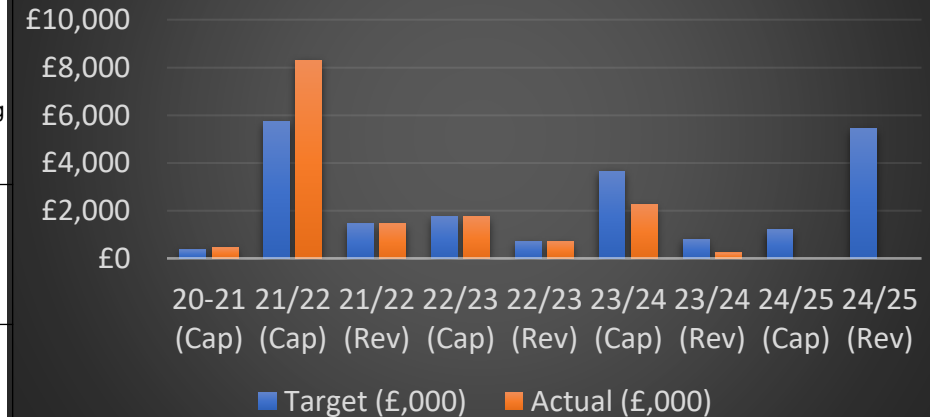
Description of Red Risks	Risk / Issue Owner	Mitigation / Response Action
Costs of supplies could increase due to inflationary pressures resulting in higher than anticipated tender prices & unaffordable schemes	All Theme Leads/ PM's	Ensure procurement process drives value for money and where possible the Council contract fixed price. Council seeks to value engineer schemes to remain within budget whilst delivering a quality end product.
Failure to secure required Project Management resources to deliver schemes	All Theme Leads	Current review of structure underway with interim support for schemes that requires progression at pace.
Failure of schemes to complete eligible activity to maximise external grant funding	All Theme Leads/ PM's	Ensure contracted grant profile is realistic and monitor against project progress. Regular engagement with funders.

FINANCIAL DATA

Expenditure - Budget v spend

Capital		
Budget		£ 254,713m
Spend		£82,734m
Projection		£254,713m
Revenue		
Budget		£2.606m
Spend		£1.993m
Projection		£2.606m

Savings Programme (Capital & Revenue)



SVP CaBP Programme



Account Headlines

Total Social Value includes Projects in Delivery Phase only. Click values to Copy to Clipboard.

DELIVERED SOCIAL VALUE
£21,321,965

COMMITTED SOCIAL VALUE
£38,046,596

% COMMITMENTS DELIVERED
56.08%

LIVE PROJECTS **+**
14

CLOSED/DEMO PROJECTS
17

CONTRACT VALUE INCLUDED
£147,751,499

% SOCIAL VALUE ADD
14.43%

SVP CaBP Programme

- To date the Creating a Better Place Programme has generated £21m worth of Social Value with an average 14% SVP against contract value. The approach has delivered a number of benefits to date including:
 - **780** weeks of apprenticeships
 - **1,289** hours of Career Support sessions
 - **74** locally employed individuals
 - **£35m** of Local Spend
 - **463** Volunteer Hours

Old Library Phase One Scheme - Tilbury Douglas Social Value Delivered

65

Meet the Buyer HRS



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Open Doors Key Site 2022/23



45

CCS Score



92%

Orders placed with SMEs



17%

Apprentice Cohort – 474 weeks



140

Hrs Volunteering



94%

Local Spend



43

T Level Placement Weeks



£5430

Donations In Kind



11

New Employment Opportunities



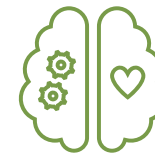
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Hrs. Educational Outreach



116

Hrs. Supporting Mental Health & Wellbeing



SOCIAL VALUE RETURN ON INVESTMENT

£4,079,943.00

Activity – Social campaign

19 October at 11:08 · 🌐

Check out our friends from Willmott Dixon doing their bit for Oldham!

The team, who are working on the redevelopment of Spindles, spent a morning at Wildbrook Allotments, Fitton Hill, helping the Get Oldham Growing project.

They cleared out two overgrown and vandalised polytunnels so now they can be used to grow fruit and veg for the local community.

The Spindles project is also supplying 'waste' materials for use at the allotments – things like cardboard and pipes are all being put to good use so Get Oldham Growing can carry on its brilliant work, helping Oldhamers to grow their own food.

Spindles might be in the town centre, but we're making sure its redevelopment benefits people right across the borough.

If there's a local cause you think could do with a helping hand, let us know in the comments.

Find out how we're transforming Oldham at www.oldham.gov.uk/regen



I love Oldham
Published by Sprout Social · 17 October at 10:51 · 🌐

We're giving our young people the chance to get involved... 🌱

One day in the future, someone might discover the time capsule Knowsley Primary pupils buried in the Old Library during its refurbishment.

They'll discover self-portraits, a poem about Oldham, a list of their names, a Covid test kit, a till receipt from Tesco, a school badge and a copy of a local newspaper – all items created and chosen by the kids.

They also got a behind-the-scenes tour of the building site. We hope we inspired the next generation of architects, historians, authors, artists...and whatever else captured their imaginations!

Find out how we're transforming Oldham at www.oldham.gov.uk/regen



I love Oldham
Published by Sprout Social · 26 October at 10:49 · 🌐

"I'm delighted that Muse has partnered with Oldham College to create real, on the ground, career opportunities for our young people.

"This news comes after the announcement of Muse being selected to be our partner to build around 2,000 much-needed homes within Oldham town centre.

"The partnership with Muse will bring millions of pounds of investment into Oldham and create a place where more people want to live, work and raise their families.

Cllr Arooj Shah, Leader of Oldham Council

Read more on what it means here: <https://museplaces.com/.../muse-signs-grassroots.../>



See Insights and Ads Boost post



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loveoldham We're not just regenerating Oldham – we're creating new jobs for people like Jordan...

"I had been working as a gardener but broke my hand and lost work.

"The Job Centre put me in touch with Get Oldham Working who recommended I send my CV and a covering letter to Rowan Ashworth as I already had my CSCS Card.

"A few days later they got in touch to offer me a trial – it went well and they

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The regeneration of Oldham is helping to inspire the workers of the future.

Willmott Dixon - the team helping to redevelop Spindles – met with young Oldhamers recently.

The Year 9 pupils took part in a 'World of Work' day to explore the many different jobs available in the construction industry.

We hope it laid the foundations for some future construction careers!

Find out how we're transforming Oldham at www.oldham.gov.uk/regen



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Thanks to [Ryan Ormonde MCIQB](#) who kindly gave the students a gu ...see more



Emma Barton and 16 others



Post

Oldham Council @OldhamCouncil

Promote

This week @Shah_Arooj and our planning and regeneration teams welcomed A-Level geography students from @OSFC_Info to the Civic Centre. They found out more about the planning process and how our borough has been developed over the years, exploring its past, present and future.



Arooj Shah and OSFC

Activity – January

Social value



Oldham Parish Church is now more accessible thanks to Rowan Ashworth Ltd 🌟

As part of their community give back, the team at Rowan Ashworth replaced a temporary metal ramp with a beautiful stone one, seamlessly integrated into the church's architecture.

🗨️ Vicar Daniel Burton says, "It looks very authentic as it's totally integrated into the existing stonework. We're extremely pleased... It's wonderful to have no-fuss access and we're very grateful to Rowan Ashworth for making this possible!"

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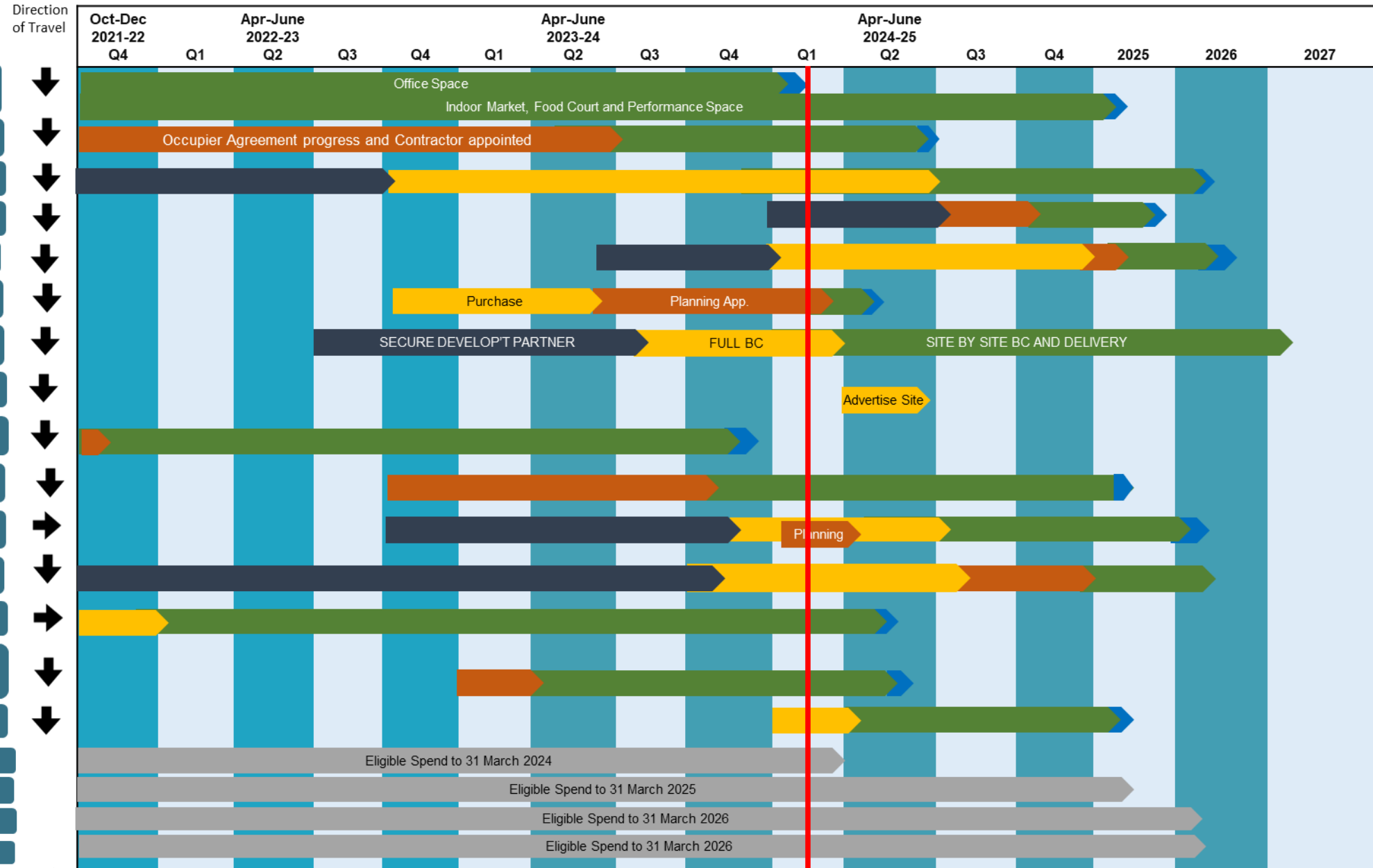
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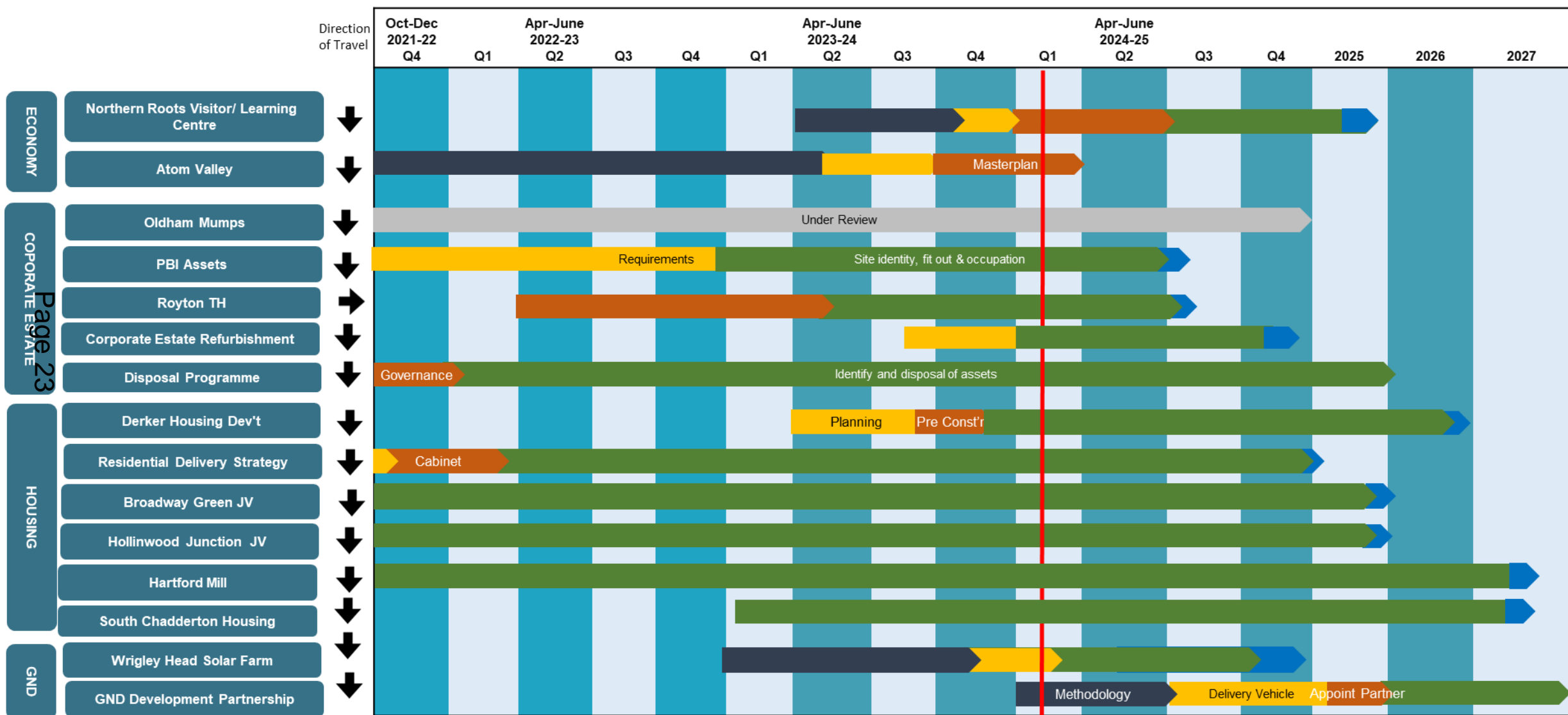
TOWN CENTRE ACTIVITY

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Strategic Partnerships

Strategic Partnerships:

Broadway Green: Grasscroft & Seddons

- Previously known as Foxdenton, Broadway Green
- Completed - Spine road running through the site (named Lydia Becker Way)
- 234 new homes have been built in first phases
- Next phase almost completed (140 out of 160 homes)
- Further phase of 42 homes in Planning.
- New Aldi store now open creating upto 50 new jobs.
- Work on new linear park to commence shortly.
- 30 acres of employment land / 500,000 square feet of employment space, 378,000 sq. ft commercial unit complete

Hollinwood: Langtree

- New access road has been constructed
- Costa coffee drive-thru is now open
- Job opportunities are being managed via Get Oldham working.
- Up to 150 new homes for former Kaskenmoor school site, planning application expected to be submitted later this year.

Muse Strategic Housing Partnership

- Opportunity for 2,000 units within the Town Centre
- MUSE were selected as the Preferred Development Partner for the Town Centre by Cabinet in June 2023.
- Master Developer Agreement signed between parties – Sept 2023
- A successful One Public Estate Brownfield Grant Bid for £3.5 Million has been confirmed for former Leisure Centre Site, former Magistrates Court Site and Civic Centre.
- Homes England have provided £105k Revenue Grant to help support project implementation
- Working Group and Project Board now fully operational.
- Detailed Business Plans being developed to be approved in March 2024 with Planning Applications to follow.
- Application to GMCA Brownfield Land Grant recently confirmed for 347 apartments and £5.1m for Princes Gate
- Public Consultation around Town Centre Development Framework to commence in May 2024.

Oldham Green New Deal

Oldham Green New Deal Update

Strategic grant-funded initiatives

Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership

- Initiative to establish a commercial low carbon infrastructure partnership for the borough bringing together private sector investment & delivery capacity with community-led energy planning
- The Council has secured up to £1.5m from the DESNZ Local Net Zero Accelerator programme via GMCA to fund implementation from April 2024 to March 2026
- The Council has also secured £150K grant from Innovate UK to embed Community Wealth Building principles in the OGND Delivery Partnership to maximise Social Value outcomes

Oldham Low Carbon Heat Network

- New £27m hybrid heat network for Oldham Town Centre to expand the existing St Mary's heat network, currently owned by FCHO
- The Council has secured £1m revenue and £7.7m capital funding to take the scheme to RIBA Stage 3 design – will be delivered by the new OGND Delivery Partner

Oldham Green New Deal Update

Other projects

Wrigley Head Solar Farm

- Owner's Engineer (Arup) appointed, main design & build tender (est value £1m) will be published end February / beginning March for a September start on site

Alex Park Eco Centre

- New home for Environmental services front line staff with capacity for external events, programmed for completion April/ May 2024.

Net Zero Spindles

- £2.1m grant funded decarbonisation works included in overall renovation programme – electrical heating, roof and wall insulation

Area-based domestic Retrofit scheme

- 'Able to Pay' owner occupiers – funded £10K by Council / £140K by Connected Places Catapult, feasibility study complete by end March with recommended delivery option

Carbon Literacy e-learning package

- 1,600 staff have now completed the mandatory training, the first type of training within GM

Oldham Green New Deal Update

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The new Eco Centre at Alexandra Park is looking amazing!

The building will be a new home for our environmental services staff who do a great job looking after Oldham's parks, and gardens and keeping our streets clean and green.

It will also be open to the community – with light and airy spaces for meetings and events.

Cllr Abdul Jabbar, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Resources, said:

"The new depot is a great new addition to Alexandra Park and I look forward to welcoming our staff and residents in when it opens early next year.

"It's a highly sustainable building, which uses clean energy including solar panels and air source heat pumps, boosting our commitment to making Oldham the greenest borough in Greater Manchester.

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Project updates

Spindles: Tommyfield Market

We continue to pro-actively work with market traders and have regular discussions about the process of transitioning across into the new indoor Market within the Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre. The new market will link directly into the Spindles shopping mall and out onto Parliament Square expected to deliver increased footfall for the traders who recognise the constraints of their current location.

Expected Completion: March 2025



Spindles: New Event Space & Archive

Our regeneration plans include an exciting new event space which will be located above Tommyfield Market and the new Food court with linkages directly into the Spindles shopping Centre and out onto Parliament Square boosting Oldham's cultural, leisure, entertainment and events offer. The design ensures a sustainable, modern, and flexible town centre location for future business events, weddings, ceremonies, conferences, and other creative performances.



The proposed Accessible Archive & Collections Centre will enable members of the public to view the museum and archive items that are not on display, in a safe and accessible environment within the Spindles shopping centre.

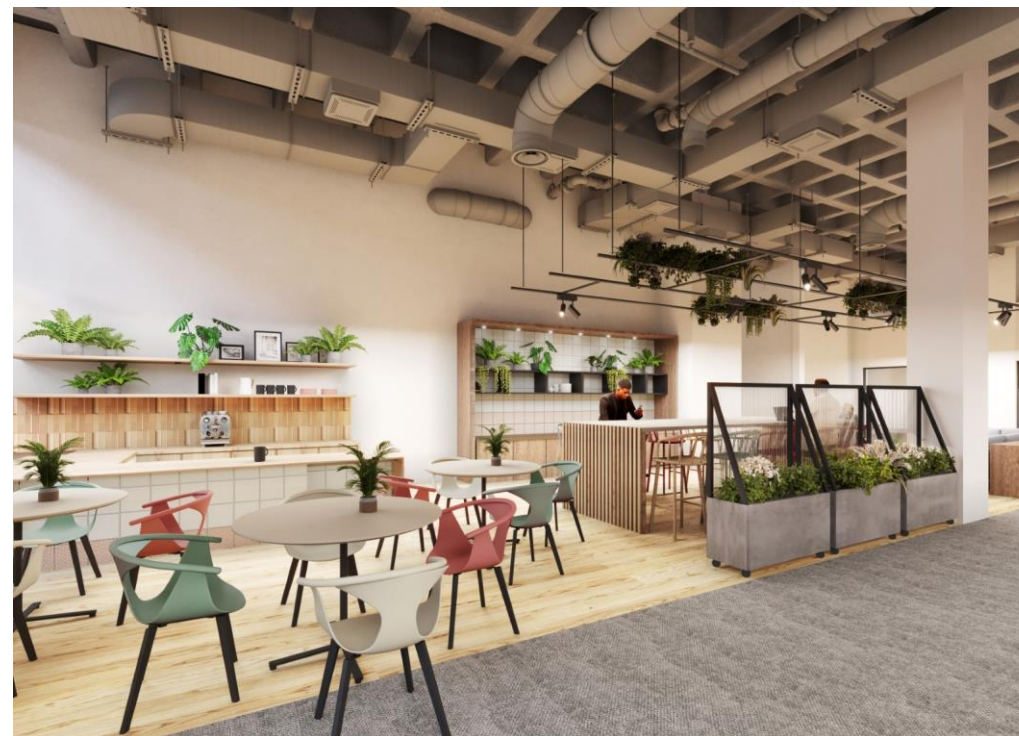
Expected completion for schemes are March 2025

Spindles: Flexible / Social Enterprise Space

As part of our economic recovery plans, we are very keen to continue to support new business startups, and social enterprise opportunities in the town centre: therefore, a new dedicated workspace is currently under construction on the upper mall of Spindles.

The space will support businesses such as start-ups, micro-enterprises, social enterprises, and small businesses, as well as larger, more established, businesses looking for contemporary workspace as part of their post-pandemic ways of working. Oldham currently has nothing similar to offer, and this is an opportunity to inject something new into the local economy.

Expected opening April/ May 2024



Town Centre: New Park

The redevelopment of Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre and relocation of Tommyfield Market will free up previously developed land across the town centre to enable brownfield sites to be repurposed for much-needed new homes. With a commitment to over 2,000 new homes in the town centre, this was fed into the PfE to significantly reduce the amount of development in the Green Belt across the borough.

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To complement these significant residential areas, we are also developing design plans following feedback during the consultation events for a new brand new 5.7-acre park to create new green, open space for residents to exercise, play, or spend time with friends / family and for town centre workers / colleagues to enjoy outdoor space in their lunch breaks. It is currently planned for the park to open in 2025.

Town Centre: Accessible Oldham Public Realm Improvements

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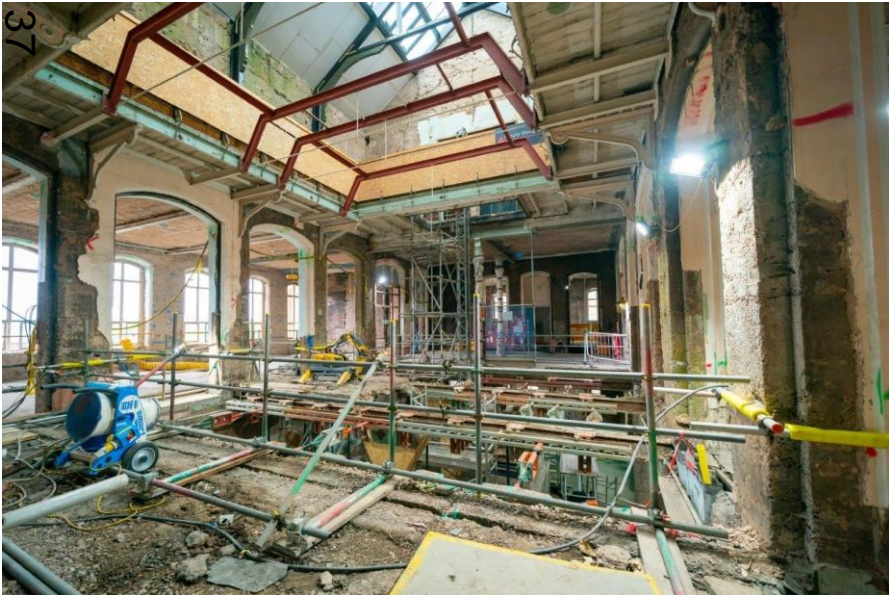
The Accessible Oldham public realm improvements programme is currently in various stages from design through to delivery and will improve the streets and roads across the town centre making it easier and more enjoyable to get around – especially for pedestrians and cyclists. The first phase, Albion Street and Henshaw Street is now complete with the next phase West Street, Cheapside and Fountain St currently underway. The scheme will progress throughout the Town Centre creating new rain gardens, seating areas and quality clean public space that will complement the other projects already underway and planned



Cultural Quarter: Old Library Building

In direct response to requests from residents to help protect our important local heritage buildings and bring them back into use, the Council are investing in the Grade Two listed Old Library building on Union Street within the Town Centre as part of the ongoing development of the Cultural Quarter.

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The building is undergoing significant restoration with the first phase to protect the integrity of the building. The next phase a full internal refurbishment, retaining and retro fitting where possible historical features, to create a new council chamber, function facilities, a gallery and 'flexible spaces' linked to Gallery Oldham for local artists and performers to display their work and embrace creative collaborations whilst also hosting family friendly events

Expected Completion: May 2025

Cultural Quarter: Public Green Space

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Located between the Old Library and Old Post office is Oldham's first public park, Oldham recently approved plans to further strengthen the Cultural Quarter offer with a new public realm enhancements that will see the creation of an open flexible space off Southgate Street, which will become a centerpiece of the growing cultural quarter bringing together the three key buildings – the current Library and Gallery, the restored Old Library and the new theatre

Expected Completion XXX



Town Centre: Egyptian Room

The transformation of the Old Town Hall's Egyptian Room has reached a major milestone with work on the fit-out of the unit. It's a significant milestone in the plans for the future of the historic building – which will be transformed into a modern food hall, featuring six casual dining-style food stalls, a bar and a central seating area.

Catering for around 150 people, the Grade Two-listed space will offer both indoor and outdoor seating and will complement the Food Court across Parliament Square within the Spindles. The Egyptian Room will be converted into a bespoke contemporary food hall, all while preserving its historic character and original features.

Expected Opening: August/ September 2024



Royton Town Hall

The Victorian styled Royton Town Hall and Library buildings have been identified for retention and investment as part of the Council's Creating a Better Place Strategic Asset Review. It will ensure these buildings of local heritage importance are improved and retained to benefit the local community and wider town.

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Construction is underway on site with refurbishment of the clock tower, some internal alterations and demolition of the extension buildings to the rear now complete. Work currently underway includes the erection of a new rear gable end wall and windows in-keeping with the original architectural design of the building, a new roof and refreshed internal layout restoring and retaining historical features wherever possible. Expected completion Summer 2024

CaBP Continuous Improvement Journey

- CaBP was a key component of the Councils recent LGA Corporate Peer Review.
- The programme was identified as delivering substantial and impactful change in Oldham.
- The Peer team suggested an external review of the Programme to ensure it had the necessary resources to maximise its potential.
- An independent organisation (ARCADIS) have been appointed and are in the process of reviewing the governance, processes and interviewing various stakeholders (incl Central Gov't departments).
- The initial report identifying areas of opportunity is expected in Spring.

Thank You, any questions



PLACE, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY BOARD

WORK PROGRAMME 2023/2024

15 June 2023	<i>Assurance Framework on Grant Funded Programmes</i>		<i>Mark Stenson</i>	
	<i>Place Directorate Overview of service provision, priorities and challenges</i>	<i>Member request</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Executive Director Place and Economic Growth</i> • <i>Director of Environment</i> • <i>Director for Economy</i> 	
31 st August 2023	<i>Cems & Crems</i>	<i>Issues and opportunities – requested by members</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Portfolio – Neighbourhoods</i> • <i>Executive Director Place and Economic Growth</i> • <i>Director of Environment</i> • <i>Glenn Dale – Head of Service</i> 	<i>Service performance reporting</i>
	<i>Environment Strategy: Climate Change and Adaptation</i>	<i>To scrutinise the draft strategy and implementation plan</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Portfolio – Green and Neighbourhoods</i> • <i>Executive Director Place and Economic Growth</i> • <i>Director of Environment</i> 	<i>New strategy for consideration</i>
	<i>Housing – Temporary Accommodation DLUHC Deep Dive Work</i>	<i>To scrutinise the demand challenges and current issues / options for mitigation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Portfolio for Housing</i> • <i>Exec Director for Place and Economic Growth</i> • <i>Director for Economy</i> • <i>Bryn Cooke / Vicky Wood</i> 	
26 th September 2023	<i>Joint Places for Everyone</i>	<i>To scrutinise the proposals following public examination of</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Portfolio – Regeneration and Reform, Housing and Licensing</i> 	<i>Policy Framework item - Final consideration after Public</i>

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<p><i>** special meeting</i></p>	<p><i>Development Plan Document (DPD)</i></p>	<p><i>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.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Executive Director Place and Economic Growth</i> • <i>Director of Economy</i> • <i>Peter Richards – Head of Planning</i> • <i>Elizabeth Dryden-Stuart, Team Leader – Strategic Planning</i> 	<p><i>Examination / prior to formal adoption. Update on Local Plan development - draft for consultation</i></p>
<p><i>8th November 2023</i></p>	<p><i>GM 2040 Strategy and Sub-Strategies (inc GM Streets for All)</i></p>	<p><i>To receive updates in the Strategy and be briefed/scrutinise a number of draft GM 2040 sub-strategies / funding mechanisms</i></p> <p><i>GM2040 Sub Strategies are still in development. Timescales to be confirmed but likely:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Freight and Servicing and Road Danger Reduction will likely come forward for January 2023</i> <i>b. Local Bus Strategy and Streets for All Guidance is likely to be available in February 2023</i> <i>c. GM Streets for All</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Portfolio – Regen and Reform</i> • <i>Deputy Chief Executive (Place)</i> • <i>Director of Economy</i> • <i>Peter Richards – Head of Planning</i> • <i>Eleanor Sykes - Transport Strategy Manager</i> 	<p><i>Regional / Local policy update</i></p>
<p><i>6th December 2023</i></p>	<p><i>Economic Review: Update and emerging vision</i></p>	<p><i>To scrutinise the Economic Review implementation plans ahead of the new vision being determined</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Portfolio – Regen and Reform and Employment and Enterprise</i> • <i>Deputy Chief Executive (Place)</i> • <i>Director of Economy</i> 	<p><i>Part of the Employment, Work and Training – ‘themed’/significant issue consideration</i></p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Bloor, Assistant Director Economic Growth 	
	Emergency Plan – annual review	Annual report/presentation on progress/activities/initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Neighbourhoods • Deputy Chief Executive (Place). • Director of Environment • Darren McGrattan 	Annual Report consideration/ Service performance reporting.
	Place Directorate Performance Report (Q2) Update	Service performance reporting - Issues and opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – various • Deputy Chief Executive (Place) • Director of Environment • Director of Economy • Performance Team 	Service performance reporting
	Local Plan	To scrutinise proposals in respect of the Oldham Local Plan prior to their consideration by Council and/or Cabinet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Housing and Licensing • Deputy Chief Executive (Place) • Director of Economy • Peter Richards – Head of Planning • Elizabeth Dryden-Stuart, Team Leader – Strategic Planning 	Update on Local Plan development - draft for consultation
21 st December 2023 (special meeting)	Don't Trash Oldham	To scrutinise proposals prior to Cabinet consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Neighbourhoods • Director of Environment 	
31 st January 2024	Green New Deal	To scrutinise proposals prior to Cabinet consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Neighbourhoods / Finance and Low Carbon 	
19 th March 2024	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 • Deputy Chief Executive (Place). 	Update report requested previously by the Committee

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Economy 	
	Taxi & Hackney Carriage Licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues and opportunities – requested by members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Housing and Licensing. • Deputy Chief Executive (Place) • Director of Environment • Neil Crabtree – Head of Public Protection • John Garforth – Licensing Manager 	Service performance reporting
Deferred Item	District Growth Zones	Issues and opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Regen and Reform • Deputy Chief Executive (Place) • Director of Economy • Peter Richards – Head of Planning 	Local policy update (Deferred to a future meeting)
29 November '23 With partners	Housing strategy & Homelessness	Workshop session ahead of TA deep dive and overview of the challenges currently facing residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio for Housing • Deputy Chief Executive (Place). • Director for Economy • Bryn Cooke / Vicky Wood 	Update report requested by the Portfolio holder
21 Dec 2023 With community reps / cllr champions	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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31 Jan 2024 With youth council	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 • Deputy Chief Executive (Place). • Director of Economy & Environment • Andy Hunt – GND Manager 	The Committee has given particular attention to this issue in previous years as a 'major issue'
12 March 2024	Selective Licensing	Annual report/presentation on progress/activities/initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio for Housing • Deputy Chief Executive (Place). • Director for Environment • Neil Crabtree 	Update report requested by the Committee
ITEMS FOR CHAIRS DISCUSSION				
	Oldham Skills Strategy	To receive updates in the Strategy and be briefed / scrutinise the emerging thematic areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio – Business, Employment and Enterprise / Education and Skills • Deputy Chief Executive (Place) • Director of Economy • Director of Education, Skills and LLL • Jon Bloor, AD Economic Growth 	Regional / Local policy update

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KEY DECISION DOCUMENT – COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM 1 MARCH 2024

Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
FLC-17-23	Report of the Director of Finance – Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 Quarter 3	Director of Finance	18 th March 2024	Cabinet
<p>Description:</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title:</p> <p>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>				
FLC-19-23	Report of the Director of Finance - Local Taxation and Benefits Discretionary Policies 2024/25	Director of Finance	18 th March 2024	Cabinet

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Page 50 PLC-18-23	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 Background Documents: Appendices Report to be considered in public			
	Report of the Director of Finance – Treasury Management 2023/24 – Quarter 3 Report	Director of Finance	18 th March 2024	Cabinet
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 Background Documents: Appendices Report to be considered in Public				

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
FLC-05-23	Report of the Director of Finance – Debt Recovery Policies	Director of Finance	18 th March 2024	Cabinet
<p>Description:</p> <p>To provide clear guidance for Council Officers, local taxpayers, and organisation who use Council services on recovery of monies owed to the Council.</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed Report Title: Report of the Director of Finance – Debt Recovery Policies</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices – Various</p> <p>Report to be considered in Public</p>				
HL-01-23	Corporate Resource to the Housing Crisis	Deputy Chief Executive - Place	18 th March 2024	Cabinet

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
<p>Description: A report detailing the Council’s response to the Housing Crisis</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices – Various</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: public and private? NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information.</p>				
<p>Page 5 New! ESR-01-24</p>	<p>Acceptance of Brownfield Infrastructure and Land Funding Grant for Oldham Mumps, Princes Gate</p>	<p>Director of Economy</p>	<p>18th March 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>
<p>Description: proposals to accept grant funding for works at Oldham Mumps, Princes Gate</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices – Various</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: public and private? NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information.</p>				

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
NEI-04-24	Street Lighting Attachments Policy	Director of Environment	18 th March 2024	Cabinet
<p>Description: To ask Cabinet to formulate and agree a Streetlighting attachments policy</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices – Various</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: public and private? NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information.</p>				
NEI/02/24	Don't Trash Oldham	Director of Environment	18 th March 2024	Cabinet

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FCR-03-24	<p>Description: Proposals to further develop and expand the Don't Trash Oldham initiative</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices – Various</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: public and private? NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information.</p>			
	Contractual Arrangements – Synergy Education Management System Contract Renewal 2024	Deputy Chief Executive	18 th March 2024	Cabinet

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<p>Page 5</p>	<p>Description: a report requesting authority to enter into a call-off contract under a procurement compliant framework agreement in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules to support the ongoing use of Synergy Education Management System for 3 years with the option to extend by a further 2 years.</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices – Various</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: public and private? NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information.</p>			
	<p>NEI-03-24</p> <p>Dropped Kerb Policy</p>	<p>Director of Environment</p>	<p>18th March 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>
	<p>Description: A report that details a borough-wide dropped kerb policy for the Council.</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices – Various</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: public and private? NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information.</p>			

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
CHS-02-24	Development of Children’s Residential Homes	Managing Director of Children’s Services	18 th March 2024	Cabinet
<p>Description: Proposals to develop Children’s Homes in the Borough</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices – Various</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: public and private? NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information.</p>				
CHS-01-24	Capital and Revenue Grants - Childcare Expansion Programme	Director of Children’s Services	18 th March 2024	Cabinet

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<p>Description:</p> <p>This report seeks approval for the allocation and expenditure of the Oldham’s 2024/26 Childcare Expansion Capital and Revenue Grant.</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices – Various</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: public and private? NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information.</p>				
<p>New! HSC-01-24</p>	<p>Procurement of Social Prescribing Service</p>	<p>Director of Adult Social Care</p>	<p>Before 31st March 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member – Health and Social Care</p>

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Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
<p>Description:</p> <p>This report seeks approval for the procurement of social prescribing services (post Covid-19).</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices – Various</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: public and private? NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information.</p>				
<p>EDS-01-24</p> <p>New!</p>	<p>Additionally Resourced Provision</p>	<p>Director of Education, Skills & Early Years</p>	<p>Before 31st March 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member - Education and Skills</p>

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KEY DECISION DOCUMENT – COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM 1 MARCH 2024

Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
<p>Description: To seek approval to fund a number of small projects to enhance the learning spaces for children with SEND and additional needs.</p> <p>Background Documents: Appendices – Various</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: public and private? NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information.</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 Council's Constitutional Services team – constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk or the Contact Officer detailed in 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.

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2. Where on a Key Decision Sheet the Decision Taker is Cabinet, the list of its Members is as follows: Councillors Arooj Shah (Leader of the Council), Elaine Taylor, Shaid Mushtaq, Abdul Jabbar MBE, Fida Hussain, Mohon Ali, Barbara Brownridge, Peter Dean and Chris Goodwin.

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, 18th March 2024:

Decision to be taken (Agenda Item)

Decisions proposed to be taken in private at Cabinet on 18th March 2024:

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- a. **Corporate Resource to the Housing Crisis: rtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information. Acceptance of Brownfield Infrastructure and Land Funding Grant for Oldham Mumps, Princes Gate: rtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information. Street Lighting Attachments Policy: rtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information. Don't Trash Oldham: rtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information. Contractual Arrangements – Synergy Education Management System Contract Renewal 2024: rtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information. Dropped Kerb Policy: rtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information. Development of Children’s Residential Homes: rtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information. Capital and Revenue Grants - Childcare Expansion Programme: rtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest due to the commercial confidentiality of the information**

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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, OL1 1UL or email: constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk