



**Oldham**  
Council

## Report to OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

# Oldham Opportunity Area Briefing: December 2020

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### **Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide Elected Members with an update on the Opportunity Area's performance against its publicly stated targets and its planned activity for 20/21.

### **Executive Summary**

The Oldham Opportunity Area is in its fourth year of delivery. The Department for Education (DfE) confirmed in July 2020 that all existing Opportunity Areas would receive additional funding for a 4<sup>th</sup> academic year (2020-2021). The amount received for Oldham Opportunity Area for this period is £1.58m.

Both the Cabinet Member for Education Skills and Early Years and the Managing Director for Children's Services are members of the Oldham Opportunity Area Partnership Board. As such, they had pivotal roles in deciding Year 4 investment decisions and in monitoring delivery.

The attached briefing gives Elected Members the latest position regarding performance against each of the Opportunity Area's publicly stated targets, taking into account the impact of COVID-19. It also contains a summary of the activity of the Opportunity Area, including updates for Year 4.

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In summary:

- All targets have been extended for an additional year and have been met, or are forecast to be met, by the end of Year 4, dependent on publication of relevant data.
- The exception is Target 5 (which relates to Attainment 8 scores at the end of Key Stage 4.) This target, based on current forecasts, will not be met.

**Recommendations**

None. For information only.

**Annex**

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