

Actions from Council 13th September 2017

ACTION	RESPONSE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED
Public Question from Syed Maruf Ali re Tudor Street Pitch	Officers to respond	Neil Consterdine	In progress.
Public Question from Shaun McGrath re First Choice Homes Tenant Board	Letter to be sent to Mr. McGrath	Cllr Brownridge	A written response was sent on 21 st September 2017.
Ward Member Question from Cllr Murphy re Abandoned Vehicle	Environmental Health Officers undertook enforcement action.	Cllr Hussain	A 15-day notice was served on both cars. The notice expired at midnight on 4 th October. One car was removed by the owner and other had been referred to Waste Management for referral and to be removed on 12 October 2017.
Ward Member Question from Cllr Sheldon re Water Levels in Dovestone's Reservoirs	A response from United Utilities was received by Highways.	Cllr Hussain	See Note 1 below.
Outstanding Business: Universal Credit	Letter to be sent to Rt. Hon. David Gauke MP, SoS DWP	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Letters to be sent to the three MPs	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Letter to be sent to the Local Government Association	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Response from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 October 2017 received 24 October 2017		
	Response from DWP dated 20 Oct 2017 received 25 Oct 2017		

Cabinet Member Question from Cllr Sykes re Invoices	Immediate review to be undertaken on number of invoices paid.	Cllr Stretton	Review has been undertaken and a report provided to the Leader.
Cabinet Member Question from Cllr Sykes re Bulky Bobs	Advertisement of concessions under the contract	Cllr Stretton	<p>Under the current contract, the Council offers one free collection a year to Oldham residents who have physical difficulty putting their household bins out for reasons of age (e.g. infirmity), physical disability or pregnancy. The subsidy is offered at the point of booking due to the challenges around wider publicity, namely risk of abuse.</p> <p>Under the new contract, the responsibility for publicising the service (both for chargeable and non-chargeable bookings) has been transferred to the contractor. Through the new arrangements, the contractor will be financial incentivised to promote the service as well as preventing abuse, and the level of uptake of this offer will be closely monitored.</p>

Cabinet Member Question from Cllr Hudson re Uppermill Taxi Rank	Clarity whether the rank can be used for parking during the day, if time limited and appropriate signage	Cllr Stretton	With regard to the taxi rank in The Square, Uppermill, the hours of operation of the stand are 8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. daily. Outside of these times, there is no disadvantage to motorists want to park in this location.
Administration Business 1: Electrification of Rail Line	Letter to be sent to Transport Secretary Chris Grayling Letters to be sent to the three MPs Response from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 October 2017 received 24 October 2017	Chief Executive Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017 22 nd September 2017
Administration Business 2: Homelessness	Work with partners to implement new Housing Reduction duties; Mitigate impact of government policy; Investigate ways of increasing housing supply; Campaign for changes to Universal Credit Letters to be sent to the three MPs Response from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 October 2017 received 24 October 2017	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods Leader of the Council Chief Executive	Briefing Note attached. 30 th October 2017 22 nd September 2017

Administration Business 3: Air Quality Plan	Motion to be rolled to the next Council meeting	Constitutional Services	8 th November 2017
Opposition Business 1: Withdrawal of Adult Congenital Heart Disease Services	Letter to be sent to the Secretary of State for Health	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Letter to be sent to the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Letter to be sent the Greater Manchester Mayor	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Letters to be sent to the three MPs	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Response from Minister of State for Health dated 20 Oct 2017 received 24 Oct 2017		
	Response from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 October 2017 received 24 October 2017		

<p>Opposition Business 2: Homelessness</p>	<p>Adopt Policy; Support measures to tackle homelessness at a Greater Manchester Level; Ensure Council and partners can contribute to ending homelessness</p> <p>Letters to be sent to the charities involved in the End Rough Sleeping Campaign</p> <p>Letters to be sent to the three MPs</p> <p>Response from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 October 2017 received 24 October 2017</p>	<p>Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Briefing Note attached.</p> <p>22nd September 2017</p> <p>22nd September 2017</p>
<p>Opposition Business 3: Suffrage to Citizenship</p>	<p>Appoint an Elected Member Champion as per Lord Porter's Request</p> <p>Report be brought back to a future Council meeting how the Council could best support the aims of the Project</p>	<p>Cllr Stretton</p> <p>Elected Member Champion</p>	<p>Councillor Roberts was appointed as Elected Member Champion.</p> <p>To be scheduled.</p>
<p>Joint Authority Minutes: GMCA, 30th June 2017, page 101 – National Productivity Investment Fund – Funding for Eastern and Western Gateways</p>	<p>Confirmation of correct funding allocations</p>	<p>Cllr Stretton</p>	<p>The bid schemes were corrected. The Council is awaiting the outcomes of the bids.</p>

Update on Actions from Council	Council noted the actions received regarding motions and other actions agreed at previous Council meetings.	Council	The Council noted the report on 13 th September 2017.
Treasury Management Review 2016/17	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The actual 2016/17 prudential treasury indicators in the report be approved. 2. The Annual Treasury Management Report for 2016/17 be approved. 3. The amendment to the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 with regard to the unspecified investments as presented at Appendix 4 of the report be approved. 	Council	The Council noted the report on 13 th September 2017.
2016/17 Statement of Accounts	RESOLVED that the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2016/17, the Audit Findings Report and the comments provided in the report be noted.	Council	The Council noted the report on 13 th September 2017.

Note 1: Response related to Reservoirs

United Utilities had been approached with a similar query about Dovestones and their response was as follows:

“How we operate our reservoirs and discharge from them is controlled by both the Environment Agency (EA) and Secretary of State. They are not designed for flood storage and we are required to keep a certain volume of water within them. I am confident that the reservoir did not operate as you described with it being emptied at once. With the sheer volume of water it suggests that the reservoirs are full and there is nowhere else for the water to go, rather than reservoirs being deliberately emptied at times of high flow.”

The stance is that reservoirs are capturing drinking water and not for flood management. (EA are looking into the aspect of using the reservoirs for flood management). They explained that Dovestones does not have a mechanical system which is controlled by an operative but overflow spillage occurs as soon as the water level reaches a certain level i.e. when it becomes full. A more detailed presentation has been requested.

Previous to 13th September 2017 Council:

<p>Leader & Cabinet Question Time – Cllr Sykes to Cllr McMahon – Community Shop (4 February 2015)</p>	<p>Referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p><u>Community Shop</u> – several reports had been presented to the Overview and Scrutiny since July 2015. A workshop was organised for elected members on 28 September 2015. A visit also took place to the Community Shop in Barnsley and Fare Share in Ashton.</p> <p>The latest report was submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Board on 17 October 2017. See Note 2 below.</p>
<p>Opposition Business 1 – Bin Collection App (13 July 2016)</p>	<p>The merits and costs of the introduction of a bin app for the Oldham Borough be looked at and an update be provided to elected members.</p>	<p>Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>As at 26 October 2017:</p> <p>During the review to establish the business case in the app, a significant reduction in the cost of implementing the app has been secured. This will still need to be balanced against the available evidence (pending) regarding uptake of the app through promotion. However, it is anticipated that there will be sufficient benefit to warrant investment. Once this has been established, officers are working towards a</p>

			new year launch date.
Opposition Business 1: Scrap the Domestic Violence Charge Fee (12 July 2017)	Health and Wellbeing Board and Domestic Violence Partnership to contact local GPs	Relevant bodies	At the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 19 th September 2017 it was agreed that a letter will be sent. The letter will be co-signed by the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Chair of the Domestic Violence Partnership and be sent to the GPs/CCG.

Note 2: Community Shop

The Overview and Scrutiny Board considered a report which provided an update on the current position in respect of community food and growing hubs across Oldham and the potential of the hubs to deliver the ambition of ‘fair access to healthy food for all’ which included a focus on the minimisation of food waste through redistribution and education. There had been engagement and consultation with a number of elected members and representatives from Growing Oldham which included the Feeding Ambition Partnership and Oldham Food Network. The report also highlighted points raised around access for all residents and that investment in building new and existing community hubs could be a more sustainable and co-operative approach, detailed the existing mapping work which had been undertaken to plot the increasing number of food and growing hubs across the borough, the Get Oldham Growing Public Health Programme, the Green Dividend which was a co-operative initiative which supported 48 projects and Oldham’s Food and Growing Hub Model. Since the Community Shop had first been considered the community food network had been developed, successful campaigns had taken place, forums had been established and the delivery of Get Oldham Growing continued.

The Overview and Scrutiny Board resolved that as the issue of the Community Shop model had been considered and explored in consultation with a range of partners, and following the engagement and the review of the opportunities for Oldham agreed the following:

1. No further work be undertaken related to the Community Shop as this was not the most appropriate solution for Oldham due in part to limitations on access for all residents and the changing capacity, interest and ambition in Oldham maturing through the community-led Oldham Food Network.

2. A locally-led model refocussed on the investment in building new and existing community food and growing hubs as part of a sustainable and co-operative approach to be taken forward by the Growing Oldham: Feeding Ambition Partnership.
3. Updates from the Growing Oldham: Feeding Ambition Partnership would be reported back to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The complete report presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Board can be found at:

<http://committees.oldham.gov.uk/documents/b20583/Community%20Food%20and%20Growing%20Hubs%2017th-Oct-2017%2018.00%20Overview%20and%20Scrutiny%20Board.pdf?T=9>