

WEST OLDHAM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE
14/03/2018 at 6.00 pm



Present: Councillor Toor (Chair)
Councillors Akhtar, Iqbal, Jabbar, Malik, Rehman and Ur-Rehman

Also in Attendance:

Andrew Collinge	Head of Education Support Services
Fabiola Fuschi	Constitutional Services Officer
Zaiem Khan	West Oldham District Co-ordinator
Andrew Sutherland	Director of Education and Early Years

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hussain.

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**

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Oldham District Executive meeting held on 17th January 2018 be approved as a correct record.

6 **DISCUSSION ON HIGH SCHOOL PROVISION**

The District Executive gave consideration to a presentation of the Director of Education and Early Year on the provision of high schools in Oldham town centre. The Head of Education Support Services was also in attendance to address the enquiries of the Committee.

Members were informed that there was a significant demand for secondary school places in Oldham. Currently, the increasing request had been met through the expansion of existing schools. However, by 2022, a high number of Year 7 places would be needed. Oldham town centre remained one of the sites considered for the provision of secondary school places for the Borough. However, it had to be considered that, in comparison to primary schools, parents were prepared to travel greater distances to take their children to a secondary school.

The Committee was reassured that officers were looking into the matter and assessing all viable options to address the increasing demand for secondary school places in Oldham. Members were also informed that a document was going to be presented to Cabinet in due course outlining a series of possible solutions.



Members sought and received clarification / commented on the following points:

- School performance in Oldham and how this aspect was linked to school assets in order to increase parental choice and flexibility;
- Community cohesion and the importance of having a new secondary school in the town centre;
- Town Centre Master Plan, residential properties and demand for school places;
- Possible sites in the town centre and traffic congestion considerations – It was explained that a meeting is going to take place with the Director of Economy and Skills before the end of the month to discuss possible options, sites and their ownership.
- Skills gap in Oldham and education as high priority for the Borough;
- Criteria to allocate school places – It was explained that there was a school place allocation formula which went periodically to Cabinet for approval. In Oldham, 87.5% of parents had their first, second or third school choice met.
- Socio-economic factors, child poverty and social mobility were highlighted in support of a request for a secondary school in the town centre.

The Chair of the District Executive thanked the Officers for their presentation. An update was requested in three months.

RESOLVED that:

1. The content of the presentation be noted;
2. An update be presented to the West Oldham District Executive in June 2018.

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WEST OLDHAM DISTRICT PLAN AND BUDGET REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the West Oldham District Coordinator on the agreed District Plan priorities and proposed funding allocation for the current Municipal Year.

Members were also informed of an amendment to the Medlock Vale report on Individual Councillors' budget:

MEDLOCK VALE					
Project	Cost	Rehman	Toor	Ur-Rehman	Total
		£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	Allocated
Fitton Hill In Action Group – Community engagement activity	£1,500	£324	£324	£325	£973
2 x Body Cams for PCSOs	£2,100	£350	£350	£350	£1,050
Oldham Volleyball Club –annual tournament (Werneth)	£668			£334	£334
Kashmir Badminton Club	£450		£225	£225	£450
Saheli womens group - International Womens Day event	£1,000	£333	£334	£333	£1,000
Wifi Oldham - Pre Diabetes programme (Werneth)	£1,850	£309	£308	£308	£925
Indian Assoc 50 years Anniversary celebration (Werneth)	£1,000	£333	£333	£334	£1,000
Kashmir Cricket Club (Werneth) - Declaration of	£1,500		£500	£500	£1,000

Interest from both Cllrs					
Bardsley Craft Club equipment	£400	£140	£130	£130	£400
Bardsley Community Social Event	£700	£240	£230	£230	£700
Welcome To Bardsley Planter	TBC	£2,000	£1,137	£800	£3,937
Bardsley Easter Activities	£400	£140	£130	£130	£400
Bardsley Social Event	TBC	£831			£831
CGN – Schools Out For Summer	£2,000		£999	£1,001	£2,000
TOTAL APPROVED / PAID		£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£15,000
BALANCE REMAINING		£0	£0	£0	£0

RESOLVED that:

1. The content of the report be noted;
2. An allocation of £500 revenue funding be agreed to install a new grit bin at Keb Lane in Bardsley;
3. An allocation of £2151.52 revenue and £6,000 capital funding be agreed to provide match funding for the development of the new Westhulme kickpitch;
4. An allocation of £1704.44 revenue funding be agreed as match funding for the Coppice Sporting Alliance Awards For All project;
5. An allocation of £201.44 revenue funding be agreed to support community engagement and activity in Bardsley;
6. An allocation of £3,000 capital funding be agreed for alleygates at Napier Street West;
7. The closing budgets for 2017/18 be noted;
8. The amendment to the Medlock Vale Individual Councillors' budgets be noted.

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PETITIONS

Consideration was given to a petition received from the residents of Garforth Street and Berriesfield, Coldhurst, concerning anti-social behaviours at the back of their properties. The residents requested that street lights be installed as a deterrent to anti-social behaviours in the area.

The petition would be addressed as per the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council's Petition Protocol.

RESOLVED that the petition be noted.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the West Oldham District Executive take place on Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 6pm, subject to the approval of Full Council at its annual meeting on 23rd May 2018.

As this was the last meeting for the current Municipal Year, the Chair thanked Elect Members and Officers for their contribution to the work of the West Oldham District Executive.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.57 pm