

Report to East Oldham District Executive

East Oldham District Team and District Priorities Update

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Reason for report

To update the District Executive on the work of District Team, and agree overarching priorities for the district going forward.

Recommendations

That the District Executive notes the information presented and, discusses and agrees key priorities to plan against.

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 Items 2.0 – 5.0 updates the East Oldham District Executive on key pieces of work the District Team is currently involved in. It focusses on new or developing activity since the last meeting.
- 1.2 Oldham has agreed key strategic plans that set out the vision and ambition for the Borough – The Oldham Plan, the Corporate Plan – which provide the framework for priorities and how we aim to meet them.
- 1.3 Each District Executive is required to agree a District Plan, which provides a framework to align actions and budgets against priorities at a local level. Item 6.0 sets out proposed overarching priorities for the district, the agreement of which will allow for a more specific action plan to be formulated.

2.0 Holiday Activities and food programme

- 2.1 In May, the District team were involved in writing a bid for funding to the Department for Education, to support delivery of activities within the Borough over the Summer holidays. The key aim of the funding was to provide enriching activity for families and young people, along with healthy food, thus helping relieve the burden on overstretched families of providing food during this period.
- 2.2 This bid was unsuccessful. However, working with the Policy Team, we have been able to obtain agreement for funding from the Growing Oldham Feeding Ambition partnership, and the Oldham Education Partnership to pilot activity. This funding totals £18,500.
- 2.3 The funding will be used to enhance activity already planned at a number of locations (some in other parts of the Borough), either by paying for additional days or by providing food where only activities were previously planned. Where possible, this has included co-ordinating new activity around activity already arranged, to try and provide greater coverage across the week. Part of the programme also involves piloting having food produced at the new catering kitchen at Oldham Foodbank, and delivered to activities elsewhere in the Borough. This means that food can still be provided at venues with no kitchen, or where activities are taking place in outdoor locations.
- 2.4 Within East Oldham, mapped activity includes:

Sholver – four days a week, comprising of two days at St Thomas’ School and two days at Sholver Community Centre.

Derker – four days a week, comprising of two days at Stoneleigh Park and two days at East Oldham Methodist Church.

Clarksfield – four days a week, delivered from St Barnabas Church.

Hathershaw – five days a week, comprising of one day at Broadfield School pitch and four days at Belgrave Mill.

2.5 Activity is also planned in Royton, Shaw, Chadderton, Fitton Hill and Hollinwood. All activities will be promoted locally, and via schools.

2.6 The intention is to use information gathered from these activities to provide an evidence base for a further, large-scale bid for 2019.

3.0 Sholver Youth Engagement

3.1 The District Team has supported the Sholver and Moorside Community Team (SMCT) in accessing Kerching funding of £5,000, to allow for delivery of youth engagement work in the area. This will pay for activities to be delivered by Oldham Boxing and Personal Development Centre, and aimed at young people who do not access currently available provision.

3.2 SMCT have also partnered with Full Circle CIC to bring in funding that will allow them to provide a junior youth club for 12 months, and this activity has recently started.

4.0 Clarksfield / Roundthorn Engagement Work

4.1 Work is now beginning on a phase of more intensive community engagement work in this area, based on building trust in the area, and developing a network of individuals within the community to work with in future. This work will be carried out with a number of partners, but particularly the District Team, Police and Emerging Communities Team.

5.0 Update on Park Road Petition

5.1 The St Mary’s Ward Members recently met with Highways representatives, to discuss the petition submitted requesting re-surfacing of the alleyway running behind Park Road and Brompton Street. There is currently no provision within the Highways capital programme to address issues here. However, Highways will carry out extensive pothole patching in order to deal with the worst stretches. In the meantime, Members will explore the potential for a longer term solution.

6.0 District Plan Priorities

- 6.1 Oldham has agreed key strategic plans that set out the vision and ambition for the Borough – The Oldham Plan, the Corporate Plan – which provide the framework for priorities and how we aim to meet them.
- 6.2 Each District Executive has agreed a District Plan, which provides a framework to align actions and budgets against priorities at a local level.
- 6.3 The current East Oldham District priorities, agreed for a two year period in June 2016, are as follows:
1. **Improving the Environment** - Support communities to improve, enhance, and maintain the local environment
 2. **Anti-poverty and Supporting People in Need** - Support local hubs and services that people can easily access
 3. **Improving health and well-being** - Support local people to adopt healthy lifestyles
 4. **Community Engagement and Activities** - Encourage co-operative activity and build community capacity
 5. **Open Space, Community and Recreational Facilities** - Improve and develop high quality open spaces for the local community, and support the development of local centres for community activity
 6. **People feeling safe in their local area** - Work with partners and communities to foster safer neighbourhoods
- 6.4 Members are asked to consider whether they wish to retain the same priorities for 2018/19

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 That the District Executive notes the information presented, and discusses and agrees key priorities to plan against.