

Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting
Wednesday 8 January 2020**

OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

To: ALL MEMBERS OF OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL,
CIVIC CENTRE, OLDHAM

Tuesday, 31 December 2019

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 8 January 2020 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, for the following purposes:

a Public Questions (Pages 1 - 10)

(time limit 15 minutes)

The following public questions were not reached in the time allocated.

NOTE: The meeting of the Council will conclude 3 hours and 30 minutes after the commencement of the meeting.



Carolyn Wilkins
Chief Executive

Public Questions Full Council 8th January 2020

From / Date	To	Question	Response
Syed Maruf Ali By Twitter	Cllr Mushtaq	45.6% of pupils from Werneth Ward leaves School without passing their GCSE (below grad 4 for GCSE maths and English). Can the voluntary/community organisation access the opportunity funding to improve the educational outcomes of Werneth Ward by offering extra homework/tuition class? Oldham Tax payers money was given to Blue Coat and Compton house School for expansion, so that residents of Oldham can access good/outstanding attainment School. (Year 7 to year 11) What percentage of disadvantages/Free School meal and SEND attends Blue Coat and Compton House School?	<p>Freehold Community Primary Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> received funding and access to a high quality professional development programme to take part in the award winning national Children’s Bureau Making it REAL programme. The programme helps practitioners to build parent’s knowledge and confidence so that they can help their child/ren with reading and writing and create a strong early home learning environment. accessed mental health support from the mental health support team. <p>Heathcote Preschool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> received funding and access to a high quality professional development programme as part of the Best Practice in Early Literacy programme . accessed professional coaching by an national organisation (Achievement for All) to promote the inclusion of children 0-5 with SEND. <p>Channings Westland Cottage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accessed professional coaching by an national organisation (Achievement for All) to promote the inclusion of children 0-5 with SEND.

		<p>The Park and Panda Werneth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accessed professional coaching by an national organisation (Achievement for All) to promote the inclusion of children 0-5 with SEND. <p>Werneth Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have had an extensive package of individual school support focussed primarily on writing, including leadership, monitoring and assessment. • accessed mental health support from the mental health support team. • priority access to the Teaching and Learning Innovation Fund programme 'Teach First: Leading Together.' <p>St Thomas CoE Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accessed mental health support from the mental health support team. <p>More generally, all schools in Werneth have been able to access high quality continuous professional development for their staff in literacy and phonics.</p> <p>Blue Coat has 4.9% pupils receiving free school meals and 6.4% with supported special educational needs.</p> <p>Compton House has 6.5% pupils receiving free school meals and 4.4% with supported special educational needs.</p>
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<p>Jeffrey Schofield</p> <p>By email</p>	<p>Cllr Ur-Rehman</p>	<p>Please enlighten me why there are no litter bins on Eldon Street estate in Oldham? So were do residents put their litter and other people walking through the area, it's an eyesore that never gets cleaned up, surely Oldham know about this but nothing is done about it.</p>	<p>There are two bins located on the Eldon Street Estate, one located at the top of Falcon Street on the public highway and one located in the play area on Eldon Street on land that is managed by Oldham Council. In addition to this the dandy cart operative litter picks the public areas on a weekly cycle.</p> <p>However the majority of the land falls under the control of First Choice Homes, who have the responsibility to remove litter. Contact will be made with First Choice Homes to request that the areas that they manage are litter picked on a more frequent basis.</p>
<p>Mrs Lowe</p> <p>By email</p>	<p>Cllr Fielding</p>	<p>I have been unable to find in any of the proposed planning applications during 2019 For Hotel at Princes Gate ~ MUMPS and Lidl supermarket</p> <p>There has only been new car parking at Mumps metro... And planning submission for Totem Pole style street lighting - the area is beginning to look a bit lost and like a ghost town...</p> <p>I would appreciate an update in this proposed development as I live in the area and its in great need of development And as Cllr Sean Fielding stated in his New Year Message on social media That he's creating stability & delivery to the</p>	<p>The Council transacted with Lidl in early 2019 the sale of land at the former Park and Ride at Mumps.</p> <p>The sale was conditional on Lidl building a food store for their own occupation and also developing a 68 bed hotel.</p> <p>We are aware that Lidl have signed a pre-lease agreement with Travelodge who will run the hotel.</p> <p>Officers are meeting Lidl shortly who will update the Council on their planning and build programme.</p>

		electorate of Oldham and would hope that the plans will still be going ahead	
Kate Bowen By email	Cllr Ur-Rehman	The speed of the cars and motorbikes exiting and entering Delph village is dangerously high. When will speed restriction measures be introduced?	<p>Oldham Council takes Road Safety very seriously and is committed to help reduce the number of people killed or injured on its roads.</p> <p>In recent years a series of traffic management schemes have been introduced along the A6052 Denshaw Road incorporating reduced speed limits, enhanced road markings and improved warning signs. These measures have resulted in fewer road traffic collisions and an overall improvement in Road Safety in the area; that said, the situation is regularly monitored and future interventions will be considered if appropriate.</p> <p>With regards to speeding per se, the Council's Traffic and Road Safety Officers will continue to work closely with the Police in developing future strategies and schemes to promote safer driving across the Borough.</p>
Amelia Hall By Twitter	Cllr Mushtaq	What can Gallery Oldham and @OldhamCouncil (or any other organisation in Oldham) do to support young people's employability? #creativesinoldham @cllrsfielding	<p>According to the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy: one of the four Grand Challenges is Digital, Creative and Media. The ambition for GM and Oldham is to build on Greater Manchester's position as a leading European digital city region to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enable the digitalisation of all sectors;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • capitalise on the links between digital and creative industries; • develop internationally significant clusters in broadcasting, content creation and media, and • maximise growing assets in cyber security; <p>On the 18th December 2019, Oldham Council, in collaboration with Sacha Lord, the Greater Manchester Culture team and Arts Council England held its first consultation event to look at what support individuals need in the creative sector. This will form part of how Oldham can develop, support and benefit from the Digital, Creative and Media sector and will influence future education and skills and business support policies/strategies.</p> <p>Current activity:</p> <p>Gallery Oldham offers a range of formal and informal activities in a supportive and creative environment to help young people develop their confidence and skills. Work placements and volunteering programmes are linked to bronze, silver and gold arts awards which are equivalent to GCSE and A and AS level standards. The Gold Arts Award also provides UCAS points.</p> <p>In addition, OMA will be looking to develop a cultural sector training and volunteering programme, and the Council will be appointing an Heritage Lottery Fund funded</p>
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			<p>Volunteer Co-ordinator later this year to help us develop that offer.</p> <p>The Council has supported the development of Hack Oldham, a Digital and Creative maker space in the heart of Oldham. This is part of our longer term plans to grow our own future entrepreneurs and businesses to support the growth of the sector.</p> <p>The Council is supporting the two Further Education Colleges to develop their respective Digital, Creative and Media curriculum pathways, which will include the launch of the Digital T-level in September 2020.</p>
John Bramall By email	Cllr Ur-Rehman	<p>I hear that council tax payers of Oldham are going to be charged to use the recycling centre just off featherstall road by taking car registrations.</p> <p>Is this correct?</p>	<p>To stop the illegal use of household waste recycling centres by traders and other businesses, limits on the number of times household waste recycling centres can be used are being introduced across Greater Manchester, dependent on the type of vehicle used.</p> <p>The limit of 52 visits a year for a car will still provide residents with plenty of access to dispose of and recycle household waste for free. The purpose of the limit is to stop businesses using household waste recycling centres, not discourage residents genuinely disposing of their own waste.</p>

<p>Louise McCallum</p> <p>By email</p>	<p>Cllr Fielding</p>	<p>Please confirm if there are any imminent plans in place to urgently deal with the rapid decline in the Hathershaw area.</p> <p>I have been asking questions about this area for years. each time I have been given assurances that The Council have strategies in place to deal with the many situations in the area, ranging from whole swathes of streets decimated by properties in poor state of repair, anti social tenants, organised crime gangs and fly tipping.</p> <p>Whatever strategies are currently in place are clearly not working, this area is slipping further into decline each week, when will a more robust approach be implemented?</p> <p>Can the emerging communities teams priorities be changed?</p> <p>This team was created to support the emerging communities, many of which have no interest in engaging with this support. Can their priorities be changed to provide support to long term tenants in the area who feel trapped and scared about the area they are living in?</p>	<p>The Council works closely with Greater Manchester Police and other partners, to deal with the issues highlighted. We will seek to challenge such behaviour, through the use of Civil remedies i.e. Injunctions, Criminal Behaviour Orders, Community Protection Notices etc, as well as through the criminal justice system. As always, the success of this relies heavily on the community working with the Council and the Police. I would encourage anyone with information about crime and anti-social behaviour to report this via 101, or using the Police's online reporting system. Alternatively, details of how to report anti-social behaviour to the Community Safety Team can be found on the Council's website.</p> <p>This is the same in relation to flytipping – while the Council sees street cleaning as a key priority, we also rely on residents to do their bit. A number of people already do so in Hathershaw, and our teams work regularly with residents who are out and about litter picking, or who we have supported to clear up and maintain their alleyways. Residents wanting to get involved in this kind of activity can get in touch with their local District Team. We also need people to support us by reporting any flytipping in their area, so that we can investigate it and take action. This can be done via the Council's website.</p> <p>The Hathershaw area is part of the Council's Selective Licensing scheme, which offers</p>
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			<p>some additional powers around how we work with private landlords. This has allowed us to improve the quality of private rented properties and the way that they are managed in these areas, with benefits for landlords, tenants and the wider community. The current Selective Licensing scheme will be coming to an end this year, and we are soon to start the process of consulting on proposals to make further use of these powers in the future.</p> <p>The Emerging Communities Team is externally funded to work specifically with new and emerging communities. Their role is to undertake community engagement with the different communities in Oldham, providing advocacy support on behalf of families and individuals and encouraging them to participate in civic society. The team provide support to the Council and partner agencies to engage and consult with different communities and develop mechanisms for people from different backgrounds to work together to improve their neighbourhoods. The team have supported residents in Hathershaw, including new arrivals, in undertaking community activities e.g. alleyway clean ups.</p>
Mark Birchall By email	Cllr Fielding	Can a member of the council explain why 6.3million of council taxpayers money has been wasted on two failed projects. This is yet another large sum of money to go with	The £6.3m referred to was spent on two projects progressing through the standard procedures for designing and procuring a capital project. Unfortunately due to a number of reasons the projects did not

		<p>previous losses over the last 5 years.</p> <p>Also why is another 250k being poured into a project which should have been finished with 42 million already spent. What is the business plan for this to recuop revenue and how much more is needed to finish this overpriced cinema project.</p>	<p>progress into delivery phase. In one instance the anchor tenant of the development withdrew so the scheme was paused and has now been rethought and in the other as time has progressed the changes to the scheme and cost inflation meant that the project needed to be paused and rethought to ensure best value for money is achieved.</p> <p>There are proposals being investigated to bring in a tenant to fully open the Egyptian Room within the award winning Old Town Hall leisure complex. Investment is required to fully fit out the unit and the Council has applied for Future High Streets Funding to assist this and reduce the reliance on Council resources. Once a tenant is operating from the unit a rental income will be received.</p>
<p>Dave Briggs</p> <p>By email</p>	Cllr Ur-Rehman	<p>Are they gonna be fixed. In the last 12 month I have broken two alloy wheels.</p>	<p>This financial year Oldham Council will be spending up to £4.9m on carriageway surfacing works across the borough - £4m of this is additional capital investment directly from the Council itself and part of a current 3 year plan of £12m of additional funding from 2019/20 to 2021/22. This follows a previous 2 year additional Council funding investment carriageway programme of £6m – this additional funding is endeavouring to address the backlog of deteriorating carriageway condition exacerbated by lack of appropriate government funding levels over a number of years.</p> <p>On an ongoing safety perspective, all</p>

			<p>adopted roads in Oldham are inspected each year at varying intervals according to risk and temporary repairs required such as pothole repairs are maintained until the capital funding programme reaches all appropriate roads requiring full resurfacing.</p> <p>The Council does deal with all highways claims according to appropriate legal procedures.</p>
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