

Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting
Wednesday 15 March 2023**

**OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

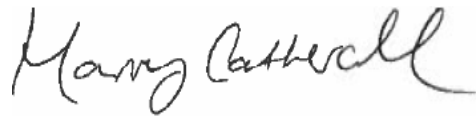
**To: ALL MEMBERS OF OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL,
CIVIC CENTRE, OLDHAM**

This supplement to the agenda, for the Council meeting on 15th March 2023, includes the minutes of the Budget Council meeting held on 1st March 2023 (item 3) and the Members' Annual Reports (item 13)

3 Council Minutes – 1st March 2023, to be signed as a correct record (Pages 1 - 26)

13 Annual Reports 2022 (Pages 27 - 82)

Report to follow



**Harry Catherall
Chief Executive**

PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE OF MOTIONS
NO AMENDMENT

MOTION – Mover of the Motion to MOVE



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DEBATE ON THE MOTION: Include Timings



MOVER of Motion – Right of Reply



VOTE – For/Against/Abstain



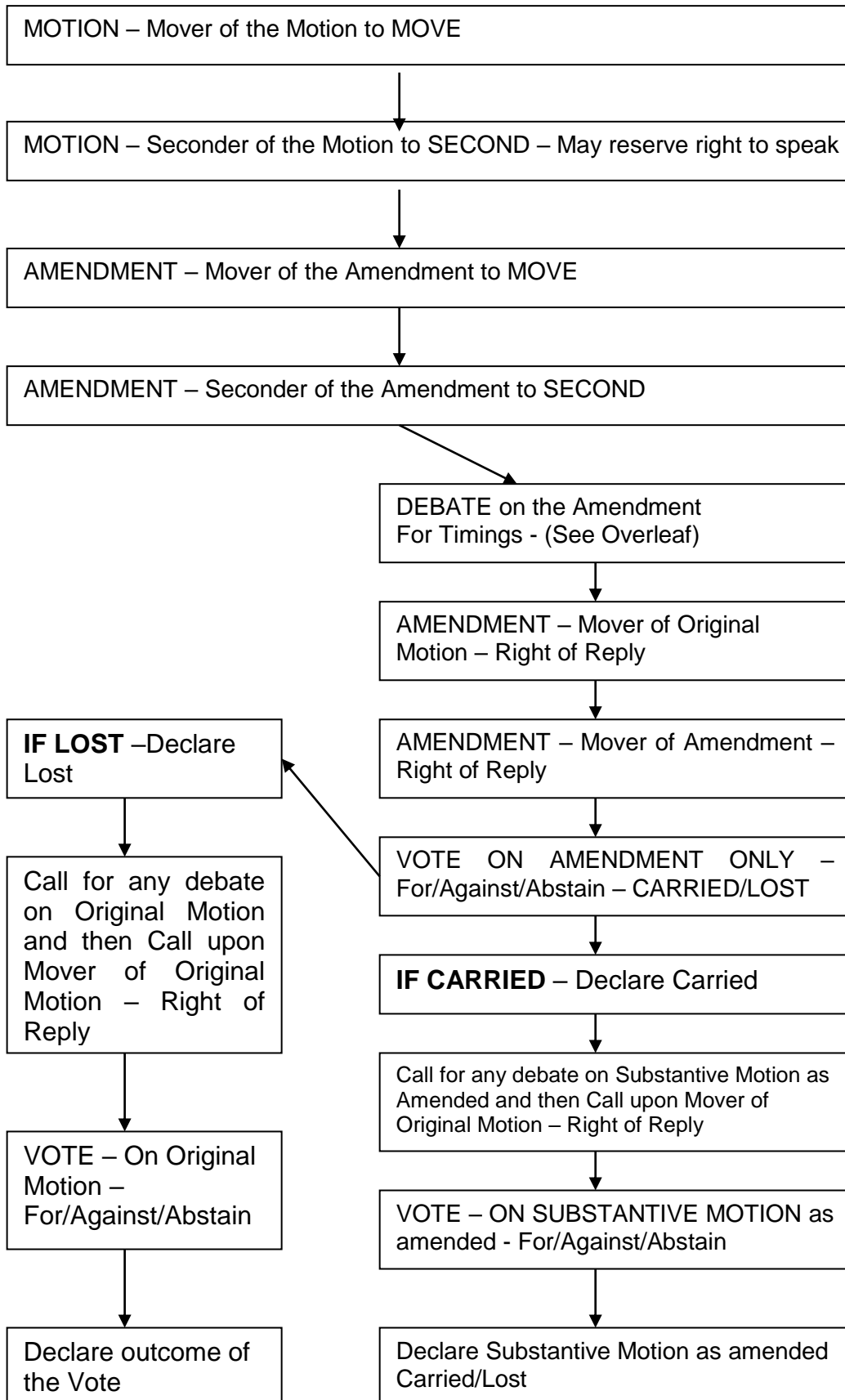
Declare outcome of the VOTE

RULE ON TIMINGS

(a) No Member shall speak longer than four minutes on any **Motion or Amendment**, or by way of question, observation or reply, unless by consent of the Members of the Council present, he/she is allowed an extension, in which case only one extension of 30 seconds shall be allowed.

(b) A Member replying to more than one question will have up to six minutes to reply to each question with an extension of 30 seconds

WITH AMENDMENT



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COUNCIL
01/03/2023 at 6.00 pm

Present: The Mayor – Councillor Garry (in the Chair)

Councillors Ahmad, Akhtar, Al-Hamdani, Ali, Alyas, Arnott, Azad, Ball, Barnes, M Bashforth, Birch, Brownridge, Byrne, Chadderton, Chauhan, Dean, Garry, C. Gloster, H. Gloster, Goodwin, Hamblett, Harrison, Hindle, Hulme, A Hussain, F Hussain, S Hussain, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Islam, Jabbar, Kenyon, Lancaster, Marland, McLaren, McManus, Moores, Munroe, Murphy, Mushtaq, Nasheen, C. Phythian, K Phythian, Quigg, Rea, Roberts, Salamat, Sharp, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Surjan, Sykes, Taylor, Wilkinson, Williamson, Williams and Woodvine

1 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Bashforth, Cosgrove and Hobin.

2 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER TO BE DETERMINED AT THE MEETING**

There were no declarations of interests received.

3 **TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor referred to the tragic earthquake that has affected Turkey and Syria, asking Council to reflect on the many thousands of lives lost and the extensive damage caused.

The Mayor informed Council that a former Member, Marie Curran, had sadly passed away. Accordingly, Councillors Sykes, Dean and Quigg addressed Council paying their individual condolences and tributes.

Council observed a minute's silence in her memory and for the victims of the earthquake.

4 **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET CABINET MEETING HELD ON THE 13 FEBRUARY 2023 AND TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET IN RELATION TO THE BUDGET FOR 2023/24 FURTHER TO THE FOLLOWING ATTACHED REPORTS:**

The Mayor requested and it was RESOLVED that Council Procedure Rule 14 (Rules of Debate) be suspended to enable Councillor Jabbar, the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet member for Finance and Low Carbon to exceed the time limit for his contribution in moving the Administration Budget to 15 minutes with a 30 second extension and the seconder the Leader of the Council, Councillor Chadderton 6 minutes, the Opposition Spokespersons of the Main Opposition Groups in moving the opposition budget, a time limit of 7 minutes 30 seconds if required, with a right of reply of 6 minutes.

The Mayor informed members that regulations had been implemented which required recorded votes on specific decision at the Budget Council meeting. Members would be advised when a recorded vote was required.

Prior to the consideration of the Budget Proposals, the Mayor asked the Council to note the draft minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 13th February 2023.

On a vote being taken, the recommendation was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 13th February 2023 be noted.

a. Housing Revenue Account Estimates for 2023/24 to 2027/28 and Projected Outturn for 2022/23

Councillor Chadderton MOVED and Councillor Jabbar SECONDED a joint report which, sets out for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), the detailed budget estimates for 2023/24, the strategic estimates for the four years 2024/25 through to 2027/28 and the projected outturn for 2022/23. The report also set out the recommended dwelling, non-dwelling rents and service and concierge charges to be applied from April 2023.

After taking all relevant issues into account, the projected financial position for 2022/23 was estimated to be a £1.796m positive variance when compared to the original budget forecast, approved at the Budget Council meeting on 2nd March 2022. Of this variance, £0.570m is attributable to a lower than anticipated brought forward balance from 2021/22 with this being offset by £2.366m owing to the cessation of previously planned HRA funded capital schemes. The estimated balance at the end of 2022/23 was projected to be £22.279m. The closing financial position for 2023/24 showed an estimated HRA closing balance of £20.852m which was sufficient to meet future operational commitments and the potential financial pressures identified in the risk assessment. The 2023/24 position had been presented after allowing for an increase in dwelling rents of 5%, an increase in non-dwelling rents in line with individual contracts, an increase of 2% on service charges and the setting of Extra Care Housing concierge charges to fully recover costs.

Within the Autumn Statement, the Government announced plans to cap social housing rents at 7% for 2023/24. Previous policy guidance for the period 2020-2025 was that all rents were to be calculated based on a maximum of the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rate in September of the preceding year plus 1%. The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has since confirmed that due to the majority of Oldham's HRA estate being contained within two Private Finance Initiative (PFI) schemes the Council is exempt from the 7% social housing rent cap. However, reverting to previous guidance would require a rent increase of 11.1%. Oldham

Council recognises the impact on tenants that a rent increase of 11.1% would bring. Therefore, Oldham's projections for the 2023/24 budget have been set assuming rental increases of just 5% which is 6.1% lower than if it were to follow the maximum uplift (September 2022 CPI rate being 10.1% plus 1%). The Council has opted to propose this reduced rate given the current healthy levels of HRA balances and the on-going pressures, including inflation, on household incomes.

The financial projections for the HRA over the period 2022/23 to 2027/28 show an overall reduction in the level of balances from £21.721m at the start of 2022/23 to £16.253m at the end of 2027/28. HRA resources will be used to support several capital projects including the development of several sheltered housing sites and further works on green projects. The HRA detailed budget for 2023/24 and strategic estimates for the four years 2024/25 to 2027/28 and the outturn estimate for 2022/23 were presented to the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26th January 2023. The Committee commended the report to Cabinet without amendment. Cabinet duly considered and approved the report at its meeting 13th February 2023 and therefore commended the report to Council.

No members spoke on this item.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Forecast HRA outturn for 2022/23, as outlined at Appendix A of the report, be approved.
2. The Proposed HRA budget for 2023/24, as outlined at Appendix B of the report, be approved.
3. The strategic estimates for 2023/24 to 2027/28, as outlined at Appendix D of the report, be approved.
4. The proposed increase to dwelling rents for all properties of 5% be approved.
5. The proposed increase to non-dwelling rents as per individual contracts be approved.
6. The proposal that service charges are increased by 2%, be approved.
7. The proposal to set Extra Care Housing concierge charges to fully recover actual costs be approved.

b. Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2023/24

Councillor Jabbar MOVED and Councillor Chadderton SECONDED a report of the Director of Finance that outlined the Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24 including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement, Annual Investment Strategy and Prudential Indicators together with linkages to the Capital Strategy.

The Council was required through regulations supporting the Local Government Act 2003 to 'have regard to' the Prudential Code and to set Prudential Indicators for the next three years to ensure that the Council's capital investment plans are affordable, prudent and sustainable. It was also required to produce an annual Treasury Strategy for borrowing and to

prepare an Annual Investment Strategy setting out the Council's policies for managing its investments and for giving priority to security and liquidity of those investments.



The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management 2021 (the Code) also required the receipt by full Council of a Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

The Strategy for 2023/24 covered two main areas, namely: Capital Issues (the Capital expenditure plans and the associated Prudential Indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement; and secondly Treasury Management Issues. Treasury Management Issues included: the Current Treasury Position; Treasury Indicators which limit the treasury risk and activities of the Council; Prospects for Interest Rates; the Borrowing Strategy; the Policy on Borrowing in Advance of Need; Debt Rescheduling; the Investment Strategy; the Creditworthiness Policy; and the Policy regarding the use of external service providers.

The submitted report therefore outlined the implications and key factors in relation to each of the above Capital and Treasury Management issues and made appropriate recommendations regarding the Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24. The report included the most recently available economic background commentary which reflected the position on 20th February 2023. The Council's Audit Committee, the body charged with the detailed scrutiny of Treasury Management activities, considered the proposed 2023/24 Treasury Management Strategy report at its meeting on 16th January 2023. It was also presented to the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26th January 2023. Both the Audit Committee and the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee were content to commend the report to Cabinet. The report was considered at the Cabinet meeting on 13th February 2023. Cabinet was also content to commend the report to Council.

No Members spoke on this item.

RESOLVED that Council approves:

1. The Capital Expenditure Estimates, as outlined at paragraph 2.1.2 of the report, be approved.
2. The MRP policy and method of calculation as outlined at Appendix 1 of the report be approved.
3. The Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) Projections as per paragraph 2.2.3 of the report be approved.
4. The projected treasury position as at 31st March 2023, as per paragraph 2.4.3 of the report, be approved.
5. The Treasury Limits, as per section 2.5 of the report, be approved.
6. The Borrowing Strategy for 2023/24, as per section 2.7 of the report be approved.
7. The Annual Investment Strategy, as per section 2.11 of the report, including risk management and the

creditworthiness policy at section 2.12 of the report, be approved.

8. The level of investment in specified and non-specified investments, as detailed at Appendix 5 to the report, be approved.

c. Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023/24

Councillor Jabbar MOVED and Councillor Chadderton SECONDED a report of the Director of Finance that presented to Council the proposed Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2023/24. Members of Council were reminded that there was a requirement to have a local Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme to support residents of working age on a low income who qualify for assistance in paying Council Tax. The Local Government Finance Act 2012 places a requirement that each year a Billing Authority must consider whether to revise its Council Tax Reduction scheme or to replace it with another scheme. Any change to the 2023/24 scheme has to be agreed by full Council in line with budget setting and by no later than 10th March 2023. For Oldham, this required that the Council should agree a revised 2023/24 scheme at this Council meeting. Any proposed change must be subject to prior consultation with the major preceptors (for Oldham this was the Greater Manchester Combined Authority on behalf of the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner), and with the public.

The scheme for those of pensionable age is set by the Government and cannot be changed. A major consultation exercise had not been undertaken regarding changes to the CTR scheme and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority has been provisionally advised that no change to the scheme was proposed. In this regard, the proposal that the CTR scheme for 2023/24 remained the same as that operating in 2022/23 was presented to the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee's meeting on 26th January 2023 as part of the suite of documents that presented the proposed revenue, capital and Housing Revenue Account budgets for 2023/24. After scrutinising the proposal, the Scrutiny Committee was content to accept the proposed approach to the 2023/24 CTR scheme and to commend it to Cabinet. This was then considered at the Cabinet's meeting on 13th February 2023. Cabinet, in turn, were content to commend the proposed CTR scheme to Council without amendment. In taking this decision, the Cabinet was aware that the Council has provided further relief to CTR claimants via the Household Support Fund, its response to the Cost of Living Crisis, together with other initiatives funded from Council resources. In addition, announced within the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement on 19th December 2022 was a new Council Tax Support Fund of £100m nationally for 2023/24. The Government expected Local Authorities to use the majority of their funding allocations to reduce bills for current working age and pension age Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) claimants by up to £25. Councils could use their remaining allocation as they see fit to support vulnerable households with

Council Tax bills and a local scheme will be prepared to ensure the maximum benefit to Oldham residents.

On 23rd December 2022 it was announced that Oldham's allocation for this ringfenced grant is £0.573m. Another important factor when considering a change to the CTR scheme was that the full roll out of Universal Credit (UC) was not yet complete and this added further uncertainty when assessing the likely impact of changes to CTR relief. The Government had recently delayed the full UC roll out to 2028, but as Oldham was a pilot Authority for the scheme, the movement to the new regime within the borough was more advanced than many other areas.

Options considered in this report included leaving the scheme unchanged, increasing the maximum relief by 2.5% and reducing maximum relief by 2.5%. A 2.5% change in the relief impacts the overall Council Tax collected by some £0.356m but has a marginal impact upon CTR claimants (increasing/reducing the benefit per resident by £0.68 per week).

In view of the continued uncertainty concerning Universal Credit and the marginal impact of any practical change to the CTR scheme, it was recommended that Council maintains the current CTR scheme during 2023/24. This, it was expected, would provide continuity about entitlement to those residents on the lowest incomes and allow time for the impact of the roll out of UC to become clearer.

No Members spoke on this item.

RESOLVED:

That Council approves the proposal, detailed in the report, to keep the Council Tax Reduction Scheme unchanged in 2023/24.

- d. The Revenue Budget and Capital programme for 2023/24
 - (i) Revenue Budget 2023/24 and 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 to 2027/28
 - (ii) Capital Strategy and Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2027/28

Councillor Jabbar MOVED and Councillor Chadderton SECONDED a report of the Director of Finance which provided Council with the budget reduction requirement and the Administration's budget proposals for 2023/24 and a forecast of the 2024/25 position having regard to the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement (PLGFS) published on 19th December 2022 and the subsequent Final Local Government Settlement published on 6th February 2023. The report also presented the financial forecasts for the remainder of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) period 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28. The report also set out the Capital Strategy for 2023/24 to 2027/28 and thereby the proposed 2023/24 Capital Programme, including the identified capital investment priorities, together with the indicative capital programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28.

The submitted report presents the Council's Revenue Budget for 2023/24 together with the budget reduction requirement and the Administration's budget proposals for 2023/24 including Council Tax intentions. It also provided a forecast of the 2024/25 position and the financial forecasts for the remainder of the MTF period, 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28. It uses the financial position presented in a report to Cabinet on 12th December 2022 as a starting point. A version of the Revenue Budget 2023/24 and 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 to 2027/28 was presented to the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee (POSC) on 26th January 2023. The Committee scrutinised the report and the other reports on the agenda that form a core part of the Council's strategic financial planning framework. The Scrutiny Committee commended the reports to Cabinet.

A report updated for further developments was subsequently presented to the Cabinet on 13th February 2023. The changes compared to the POSC report related primarily to the recalculation of the Business Rates Tax Base and Grant in Lieu of Business Rates because of the submission to Government of a statutory return, the NNDR1 which incorporated the revaluation of Business Rates effective from 1st April 2023.

The final report to this Council meeting is based on the three reports referred to above but includes the latest financial information and updates the financial position presented to and approved by Cabinet on 13th February 2023. The main change is because of the release of the Final Local Government Finance Settlement (FLGFS) issued on 6th February 2023. Section 1 presented an introduction to the report and explained the report format. Section 2 set out key Council Policies and Strategies including the Co-operative Council Values, an updated Corporate Plan, Constitution and Rules of Procedure, as the framework within which the Budget has been prepared. Section 3 presented Local Government Finance developments which have had an impact on 2023/24 and future years budgets. It also highlighted the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Financial Resilience Index, the CIPFA Financial Management Code and a commentary on financial resilience, all of which were of importance when considering the Council's financial standing in the context of budget setting for 2023/24 and future years. Section 4 presented the Local Government Finance Policy Statement 2023/24 and 2024/25 which set out the Government's intentions to assist financial planning for Councils. It confirmed the PLGFS for both 2023/24 and 2024/25 would be single year Settlements and that reforms to redistribute funds such as the Review of Relative Needs and Resources (Fair Funding Review) would not progress until 2025/26 at the earliest. Section 5 detailed the impact of the 2023/24 PLGFS which was the fifth consecutive one-year Settlement. This included key information in relation to overall funding levels, Council Tax referendum limits and grants for 2023/24. It also advises of the information contained in the FLGFS and the subsequent change to Government grant

funding. Section 6 presented the 2022/23 revised budget and year end forecasts.

The starting point for preparing the 2023/24 revenue budget estimates is the underlying base budget of £250.517m. The 2022/23 revenue budget forecast outturn position highlights a current unfavourable projected variance for 2022/23 of £2.233m but the commentary advised that this may be improved by the continuation of management action to control expenditure in year. The month 6 monitoring position was used to inform key budget pressures in the budget update report that was presented to Cabinet on 12th December 2022. The month 8 position highlighted some further issues that had now been included in the 2023/24 budget and informed the position reported to both the POSC on 26th January 2023 and Cabinet on 13th February 2023. Sections 7 to 9 set out how the expenditure pressures that contribute to the budget gap have been determined since the update to Cabinet on 12th December 2022.

Section 7 summarised the revisions to the estimates since the budget gap of £27.975m for 2023/24 and £14.575m for 2024/25 was presented to Cabinet on 12th December 2022. It highlighted that a direct comparison would show a budget gap of £19.155m for 2023/24 and £10.157m for 2024/25. These budget gaps represent the position after the use of some reserves. To allow budget reductions and the total use of reserves to be the final element in balancing the budget, the forecast net gap/budget reduction requirement before the use of reserves of £27.890m was being used as the starting position from which the 2023/24 budget will be balanced, with £14.254m used as the starting position for the final changes to the 2024/25 budget (as illustrated at Table 8). This was lower than the £27.993m position for 2023/24 reported to the 13th February 2023 Cabinet meeting due to additional grant announced by the FLGFS.

Section 8 presented a range of expenditure pressures that contribute to the budget gap. In total they contribute £45.923m to the 2023/24 position, a change of only £1.183m compared to the position reported in December 2022. The expenditure pressures for 2024/25 were projected at £14.697m. The main pressures in both years arose from pay, energy, contractual and service inflation and demand for both Adults and Children's Social Care service provision.

Section 9 sets out the confirmed impact of the payment of levies and contributions to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and a levy to the Environment Agency (EA). It shows an increase in expenditure of £1.939m in the 2023/24 budget forecast compared to the December 2022 position but advised that £1.044m of reserve resources refunded to the Council by GMCA in 2022/23 can be used to offset some of this increase. Sections 10 and 11 present the impact of the PLGFS announced on 19th December 2022 and the FLGFS issued on 6 February 2023 and grant income related adjustments to the estimates.

In this regard, Section 10 provides a commentary on the unringfenced grants announced by or derived from the PLGFS/FLGFS. A summary of all grants notified or anticipated for 2023/24 as included in the PLGFS/FLGFS totalled £108.338m which is £3.405m higher than the forecast presented to Cabinet in December 2022 and £0.103m higher than the grant allocations included in the 13th February 2023 Cabinet report.

Section 11 outlined the main ringfenced grants that must be used in accordance with specific guidance but nonetheless help the Council deliver its services. Two specific Adult Social Care grants were detailed in this section and this funding has been used as a contribution to support the Council's 2023/24 and 2024/25 budgets. The funding available from these grants in 2023/24 had increased by £0.748m compared to the position reported in December 2022. Section 12 sets out how the Locally Generated Income from both Business Rates including the impact of Business Rates Revaluation from 1 April 2023 and Council Tax will support the Council budget. The FLGFS confirmed referendum limits for a general-purpose Council Tax increase of up to 3% each year from April 2023 without the need to hold a referendum. In addition, the threshold for Adult Social Care Precept (ASCP) increases to a maximum of 2% each year from April 2023. There remains a requirement to evidence that the funds generated from this precept are used for Adult Social Care expenditure. A referendum is required if proposed Council Tax increases exceed 4.99%.

Paragraphs 12.3 to 12.13 set out the income to support the budget from Retained Business Rates and how this helped to reduce the level of budget reductions required. In total, Retained Business Rates income including the impacts of Revaluation has increased to £53.683m in 2023/24. This final position (the Business Rates Tax Base) has been calculated after the completion of the Government return (the NNDR1) in time for its submission by the statutory deadline (31st January 2023). Cabinet of 23rd January 2023 agreed that the final Business Rates Tax Base could be amended under delegated authority on completion of the NNDR1. There is a general uplift but most of the increase (£4.835m) relates to confirmation in the PLGFS that the piloting of 100% Business Rates Retention will continue into 2023/24.

The Council will take the benefit of a pilot scheme gain of £3.626m with the GMCA receiving part of this increase in Business Rates Income of £1.209m. Paragraphs 12.17 to 12.49 presented the Council Tax position for 2023/24. It advises that: the Council Tax Tax Base is 58,500 which is no change from the position previously assumed; Council Tax policy had been revised so that rather than only a 1.99% general purposes Council Tax increase, the proposed approach was to introduce a 2% increase for the Adult Social Care Precept. An increase of 3.99% would not require a Council Tax referendum as it would be within the referendum criteria issued by the Government in the PLGFS.

The Council proposes to remove the Council Tax Empty Property Discount and increase the Empty Property Premium. The Total Council Tax to be generated for use by the Council based on the Tax Base and the 3.99% increase was £108.995m in 2023/24. The Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner precept was confirmed on 26th January 2023 with an increase of £15 for a Band D Council Tax. The Greater Manchester Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services) was confirmed on 10th February 2023, with an increase of £5 for a Band D Council Tax. The Shaw and Crompton Parish Council agreed its precept on 13th December 2022, with Saddleworth Parish Council agreeing its precept on 20th February 2023. The confirmed figures in relation to the respective Parish Precepts were presented in the report. The detailed Council Tax charges were presented at Appendix 4.

Section 13 outlines the impact of Collection Fund (the ringfenced account within which Council Tax and Business Rates are managed). The 2022/23 Collection Fund forecast outturn projection as outlined in the month 8 financial monitoring report produces a net surplus of £4.179m of which £4.130m is Oldham Council's share and would be available to support the 2023/24 revenue budget. Section 14 outlined the review of previously approved 2023/24 and 2024/25 Budget Reductions agreed in the 2021/22 and 2022/23 Revenue Budget Reports and advises that there has been some reprofiling of anticipated benefits.

Section 15 outlined the proposal to use capital receipts flexibly to finance expenditure leading to transformation in the sum of £2.600m for 2023/24 and a further £2.600m in 2024/25. Section 16 detailed the revision to estimates for the financial years 2023/24 to 2024/25 compared to the position previously reported to Cabinet on the 12th December 2022 and Cabinet on 13th February 2023. This presented a revised budget reduction requirement (before the use of reserves) of £27.890m for 2023/24 and £14.254m for 2024/25. Having regard to the proposed increase in Council Tax, Section 17 presented the Administration's approach to balancing the budget for 2023/24 via the budget reduction process.

- There were a total of 45 proposals presented in accordance with Political Portfolios. These are expected to deliver savings totalling £16.313m and have an FTE impact of 7 in 2023/24. The proposals also have an impact on 2024/25 of £7.575m (and a further £1.135m in 2025/26). All the proposals were presented in summary at Appendix 7 and in detail at Appendix 8. Assuming approval of the 2023/24 budget reduction proposals and taking into account the impact of one-off budget reduction proposals, the budget reduction requirement for 2023/24 reduces to £11.577m and 2024/25 to £11.479m. Section 18

advises how the budget for 2023/24 is balanced and the final position for 2024/25 as follows: the first step in balancing 2023/24 was however, to increase the budget gap by introducing a contribution to reserves in 2023/24 of £1.209m, payable to the GMCA in relation to 100% Business Rates Pilot scheme gain. This course of action increased the budget gap to £12.786m which would then be balanced by the use of:

- i. £6.000m general reserves (approved as part of the 2022/23 budget).
- ii. £2.900m of earmarked reserves as approved at Cabinet on 12th December 2022 to pump prime initiatives in Children's Social Care.
- iii. £1.044m of reserves created from resource returned by the GMCA in 2022/23; and
- iv. Additional general reserves of £2.842m to balance the 2023/24 budget.

After all the budget adjustments and impact of the use of reserves to balance 2023/24, there remained a budget gap still to be addressed of £10.224m for 2024/25. Section 19 presented the expected level of reserves at the end of 2022/23 at £78.555m and how they support the 2023/24 budget including the balancing budget reserve for 2023/24. Section 20 provides a commentary on the pooled funding arrangements with the NHS, specifically the Section 75 Agreement between the Council and the Oldham Integrated Care Board. Section 21 sets out the proposed fees and charges for the financial year 2023/24 with a full schedule provided at Appendix 11.

Section 22 and 23 sets out the Medium-Term Financial Strategy covering the financial years 2024/25 to 2027/28, including the plans for the transformation programme, that will deliver the savings required to balance the budgets in future years. A summary was provided at Appendix 12. Section 24 presented the Statement of Robustness, a requirement under Section 25 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003 which was the assurance by the Director of Finance on the robustness of the estimates used for the purposes of the revenue budget calculations and the adequacy of proposed reserves and balances. Balances are recommended at £20.012m. The Director of Finance can provide Members with the necessary assurances. A more detailed commentary is provided at Appendix 13. Section 25 sets out the Council's Pay Policy Statement in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 to 43 of the Localism Act 2011, which requires full Council approval. The detailed statement is provided at Appendix 14. Sections 26 to the end of the report include options to consider, consultation comments and Legal and Procurement comments in accordance with standard practice. Appendix 15 presented an analysis of the results of the public consultation on the Council's proposed budget for 2023/24. Given the importance of delivering budget reductions and embedding the programme of transformational change, during 2023/24, there will be a regular

review of the progress of existing change programmes against the delivery milestones and financial targets. It will also ensure that there is continuous emphasis on the delivery of change and the achievement of the budget reductions required in line with the three-year strategy. As advised above, the Revenue Budget 2023/24 and 2024/25 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 to 2027/28 was presented to the POSC on 26th January 2023 based on the information available at that time. The Committee scrutinised the report and the other reports on the agenda that form a core part of the Council's strategic financial planning framework. The Committee considered in detail the Administration's 45 budget reduction proposals for 2023/24 and was content to commend them to Cabinet at a value of £16.313m in 2023/24, £7.575m for 2024/25 and a further £1.135m in 2025/26. The Committee was also content with all other aspects of the report, including the proposed changes to fees and charges and therefore commended it to Cabinet. Cabinet considered the Revenue Budget 2023/24 and 2024/25 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 to 2027/28 at its meeting on 13 February 2023 and was content to commend the report in full to Council. This report to Council, therefore, presents a fully balanced budget for 2023/24, an estimated budget reduction requirement of £10.224m for 2024/25 and indicative forecasts for 2025/26 to 2027/28.

The Capital Strategy and Programme report set out the Capital Strategy for 2023/24 to 2027/28 and thereby the proposed 2023/24 capital programme, including identified capital investment priorities, together with the indicative capital programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28, having regard to the resources available over the life of the programme.

The Council's Capital Strategy and capital programme are set over a five-year timeframe. The proposed Capital Strategy and programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28 takes the essential elements of the 2022/23 to 2026/27 and previous years' strategies and programmes and moves them forward in the context of the financial and political environment for 2023/24. The Strategy does however include a longer-term vision, a forward look at those projects that are likely to run beyond the five-year strategy and programme period or be initiated subsequently. This covers a timeframe for the 10 years from 2028/29 to 2037/38. The format of the Capital Strategy reflects the requirements of the latest Prudential and Treasury Management Codes issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). The strategy therefore presents:

- A. A high-level long-term overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of services.
- B. An overview of how the associated risk is managed; and
- C. The implications for future financial sustainability.

The Capital Strategy was presented at Appendix 1. It had been prepared in 15 sections and ensured that Members were presented with the overall long-term capital investment policy

- objectives and resulting Capital Strategy requirements, governance procedures and risk appetite. The sections were:
1. Aims of the Capital Strategy and its links to the Council's Corporate Plan and the Oldham Plan (Our Future Oldham), Creating a Better Place (CaBP) Programme, Medium Term Property Strategy (MTPS), Housing Strategy (HS) and Budget and Policy Framework.
 2. The Principles of the Capital Strategy
 3. Priority Areas for Investment
 4. Supporting Greater Manchester Devolution and Accessing Levelling Up, UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and Decarbonisation Resources
 5. Affordability, Delivery and Risk Associated with the Capital Strategy
 6. Knowledge and Skills
 7. Treasury Management
 8. Long Term Loans
 9. Other Non-Treasury Investments
 10. Capital Resources to Support Capital Expenditure
 11. Capital Investment and Disposal Appraisal
 12. The Prioritisation of Capital Requirements
 13. The Procurement of Capital Projects
 14. The Measurement of the Performance of the Capital Programme
 15. The Capital Investment Programme Board (CIPB)

The Strategy is aligned with the Creating a Better Place programme which is focused on building more homes for the borough's residents, creating new jobs through regeneration and ensuring Oldham is a great place to visit with lots of family friendly and accessible places to go. This also incorporates the Medium-Term Property Strategy and Housing Strategy and aims to deliver its ambition in ways that contribute to a reduction in carbon emissions in support of the Council's Green New Deal strategy.

Section 1 of the Capital Strategy highlights the aims of the Capital Strategy and its links to the Council's Corporate Plan and the Oldham Plan (Our Future Oldham). This section of the report also describes more fully the Creating a Better Place programme (encompassing the Medium-Term Property Strategy and Housing Strategy) which is a significant element of the Council's planned Capital Expenditure over the five-year period 2023/24 to 2027/28.

Annex C of Appendix 1 sets out the proposed capital expenditure and financing for the period covered by the Capital Strategy, 2023/24 to 2027/28.

The Strategy also advises that the Council is proposing to continue the use the flexibility provided by the Government to use capital receipts to fund the revenue cost of 3 transformation. The 2023/24 revenue budget will rely on up to £2.600m of such funding from capital receipts.

The 2022/23 month 8 capital monitoring position approved by Cabinet on 13 February 2023 included expenditure projections that are a key determinant of the 2023/24 programme. As many schemes span more than one year, the anticipated level of reprofiling between years sets the underlying position. The projected outturn spending position for 2022/23 is £59.113m. The Place and Economic Growth Directorate which manages all of the major regeneration projects, constitutes the main area of expenditure. Grants and Other Contributions (£37.327m) followed by Prudential Borrowing provide the main source of financing (£15.533m). Actual expenditure to 30 November 2022 was £29.531m (49.96% of the forecast outturn). This spending profile is in line with that in previous years, however the position will be kept under review and budgets will continue to be managed in accordance with forecasts.

The Council has set out its capital programme for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28 based on the principles of the Capital Strategy. The Capital Programme and Capital Strategy have been influenced by the level of resources considered available. The level of prudential borrowing included reflects the financing available in the revenue budget, capital receipts align with forecasts and grant funding and other contributions are based on already notified allocations or best estimates at time of preparation. If additional resources become available, projects that meet the Council's strategic capital objectives will be brought forward for approval.

As at the month 8 capital monitoring position, the anticipated expenditure over the five year life of the 2022/23 to 2026/27 strategy was £380.019m, taking 2022/23 aside (£59.113m) leaves £320.906m for the remainder of the approved 2023/24 to 2026/27 capital programme. Following the refresh of existing strategies and the Creating a Better Place programme, and moving forward the planning period by one year, the Capital Strategy for 2023/24 to 2027/28 totals £325.460m.

The capital programme includes proposed expenditure for 2023/24 of £110.305m of which £83.936m is the largest area of expenditure being on regeneration, transport and infrastructure projects within Place and Economic Growth Directorate. Total expenditure decreases to £108.378m, £46.661m, £55.562m and £4.554m in 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 respectively.

The Government is continuing to provide significant levels of grant funding. The main sources of Capital grant income are the Levelling Up Fund £20.000m, Towns Fund at £11.266m, along with Education-related Basic Need Capital grant provision of £4.662m over the life of the programme. There are also considerable resources allocated to the Council via the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) including the Mayor's 4 Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (£10.232m), City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (£4.912m) and estimated Local Transport Programme - Highway Maintenance Grant totals £17.968m over the strategy period.

The grant funding provided by Government can be split into two categories: un-ringfenced and ringfenced resources, as explained in Section 10 of the Capital Strategy. The majority of capital Government Grant funding is un-ringfenced. Resources classified as ringfenced have to be utilised to finance particular categories of expenditure and therefore are restricted in their use. The 2023/24 capital programme relies on £29.696m of ringfenced and £10.853m of un-ringfenced grants.

As in previous years, a major source of financing remains prudential borrowing. The amount required in 2023/24 (£61.186m) includes borrowing attributed to schemes that have slipped from prior years as well as new borrowing associated with the regeneration programme. The timing of the borrowing is linked to the cash position of the Council and may therefore not mirror the spending/financing profile set out above.

There will be a continued review of capital spending requirements as the Council has further regeneration ambitions, but affordability and deliverability will be a key consideration in this regard. It is, however, possible that the capital position may change prior to the start of 2023/24 and during the year as:

- The outcome of specific grant bids may be announced during the latter part of 2022/23.
- The outcome of specific grant bids will be announced during 2023/24.
- It is also likely that there will be new initiatives announced in 2023/24.
- There may also be the opportunity to bid for additional funding.
- The Council may identify other funding sources, including capital receipts, to finance additional capital expenditure

Therefore, the overall capital programme position will be kept under review and any new information regarding funding allocations will be presented to Members in future reports.

There has been consultation with the Members of the Capital Investment Programme Board on the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28. The consideration of the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28 by the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2023 was a key element of the consultation process. The Committee was content to commend the report to Cabinet. The Cabinet considered the Capital Strategy and Programme report at its meeting on 13TH February 2023 and was content to commend the report to Council.

AMENDMENT

Councillor C. Gloster MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED the amendment to the budget as circulated and detailed in the Council Summons. Councillor C. Gloster expressed his thanks to staff who had assisted in the preparation of the report.

Councillors Kenyon and Williamson spoke in support of the Amendment.

Councillors Roberts, Birch, Mushtaq, Ibrahim and S. Hussain spoke against the Amendment.

Councillor Jabbar exercised his right of reply. Councillor C. Gloster exercised his right of reply.

A recorded vote, in line with the Regulations was then taken on the AMENDMENT as follows:

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Ahmad Riaz	AGAINST	Iqbal Javid	AGAINST
Akhtar Shoab	AGAINST	Islam Nazrul Mohammed	AGAINST
Al-Hamdani Sam	FOR	Jabbar Abdul	AGAINST
Ali Mohon	AGAINST	Kenyon Mark	FOR
Alyas Mohammed	AGAINST	Lancaster Luke	AGAINST
Arnott Dave	AGAINST	Marland Alicia	ABSENT
Azad Ali Montaz	FOR	McLaren Colin	AGAINST
Ball Sandra	AGAINST	McManus Chris	AGAINST
Barnes Robert	AGAINST	Moore Eddie	AGAINST
Bashforth Marie	AGAINST	Munroe Leanne	AGAINST
Bashforth Steven	APOLOGIES	Murphy Dave	FOR
Birch Ros	AGAINST	Mushtaq Shaid	AGAINST
Brownridge Barbara	AGAINST	Nasheen Umar	AGAINST
Byrne Pam	AGAINST	Phythian Clint	AGAINST
Chadderton Amanda	AGAINST	Phythian Kyle	AGAINST
Chauhan Zahid	AGAINST	Quigg Lewis	AGAINST
Cosgrove Angela	APOLOGIES	Rea Lucia	AGAINST
Dean Peter	AGAINST	Roberts Hannah	AGAINST
Gloster Chris	FOR	Salamat Aqeel Ali	AGAINST
Gloster Hazel	FOR	Sharp Beth	AGAINST
Goodwin Chris	AGAINST	Sheldon Graham	AGAINST
Hamblett Louie	FOR	Shuttleworth Graham	AGAINST
Harrison Jenny	AGAINST	Surjan Ruji	AGAINST
Hindle Neil	AGAINST	Sykes Howard	FOR
Hobin Brian	APOLOGIES	Taylor Elaine	AGAINST
Hulme George	AGAINST	Wilkinson Mark	AGAINST
Hussain Aftab	AGAINST	Williams Steve	AGAINST

Hussain Fida	AGAINST	Williamson Diane	FOR
Hussain Sajed	AGAINST	Woodvine Max	AGAINST
Ibrahim Nyla	AGAINST	Garry Elaine (MAYOR)	AGAINST

On a recorded VOTE being taken, 9 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 47 VOTES cast AGAINST and 0 ABSTENTIONS.

The AMENDMENT was therefore LOST.

AMENDMENT

Councillor Woodvine MOVED and Councillor Lancaster SECONDED the amendment to the budget as circulated and detailed in the Council Summons. Councillor Woodvine expressed his thanks to staff who had assisted in the preparation of the report.

Councillor Quigg spoke in support of the Amendment.

Councillors Akhtar, Murphy, Ali, Hamblett, Taylor, McLaren, Islam, Harrison, Nasheen, Dean, Mushtaq and C. Gloster spoke against the Amendment.

Councillor Barnes spoke on the Amendment.

Councillor Jabbar exercised his right of reply. Councillor Woodvine exercised his right of reply.

A recorded vote, in line with the Regulations was then taken on the AMENDMENT as follows:

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Ahmad Riaz	AGAINST	Iqbal Javid	AGAINST
Akhtar Shoab	AGAINST	Islam Nazrul Mohammed	AGAINST
Al-Hamdani Sam	AGAINST	Jabbar Abdul	AGAINST
Ali Mohon	AGAINST	Kenyon Mark	AGAINST
Alyas Mohammed	AGAINST	Lancaster Luke	FOR
Arnott Dave	FOR	Marland Alicia	ABSENT
Azad Ali Montaz	AGAINST	McLaren Colin	AGAINST
Ball Sandra	ABSTAIN	McManus Chris	FOR
Barnes Robert	ABSTAIN	Moore's Eddie	AGAINST
Bashforth Marie	AGAINST	Munroe Leanne	AGAINST
Bashforth Steven	APOLOGIES	Murphy Dave	AGAINST
Birch Ros	AGAINST	Mushtaq Shaid	AGAINST
Brownridge	AGAINST	Nasheen Umar	AGAINST

Barbara			
Byrne Pam	FOR	Phythian Clint	AGAINST
Chadderton Amanda	AGAINST	Phythian Kyle	AGAINST
Chauhan Zahid	AGAINST	Quigg Lewis	FOR
Cosgrove Angela	APOLOGIES	Rea Lucia	AGAINST
Dean Peter	AGAINST	Roberts Hannah	AGAINST
Gloster Chris	AGAINST	Salamat Aqeel Ali	AGAINST
Gloster Hazel	AGAINST	Sharp Beth	FOR
Goodwin Chris	AGAINST	Sheldon Graham	FOR
Hamblett Louie	AGAINST	Shuttleworth Graham	AGAINST
Harrison Jenny	AGAINST	Surjan Ruji	AGAINST
Hindle Neil	AGAINST	Sykes Howard	AGAINST
Hobin Brian	APOLOGIES	Taylor Elaine	AGAINST
Hulme George	AGAINST	Wilkinson Mark	ABSTAIN
Hussain Aftab	AGAINST	Williams Steve	AGAINST
Hussain Fida	AGAINST	Williamson Diane	AGAINST
Hussain Sajed	AGAINST	Woodvine Max	FOR
Ibrahim Nyla	AGAINST	Garry Elaine (MAYOR)	AGAINST

On a recorded VOTE being taken, 8 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 45 VOTES cast AGAINST and 3 ABSTENTIONS.

The AMENDMENT was therefore LOST.

The following Councillors then spoke on the ORIGINAL MOTION:

Councillors Roberts, Mushtaq and Brownridge spoke in support of the Original Motion.

Councillors Al-Hamdani and Quigg spoke against the Original Motion.

Councillor Jabbar exercised his right of reply.

A recorded VOTE, in line with regulations was then taken on the ORIGINAL MOTION as follows:

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Ahmad Riaz	FOR	Iqbal Javid	FOR
Akhtar Shoab	FOR	Islam Nazrul Mohammed	FOR
Al-Hamdani Sam	AGAINST	Jabbar Abdul	FOR
Ali Mohon	FOR	Kenyon Mark	AGAINST
Alyas	FOR	Lancaster Luke	AGAINST

Mohammed			
Arnott Dave	AGAINST	Marland Alicia	ABSENT
Azad Ali Montaz	FOR	McLaren Colin	FOR
Ball Sandra	AGAINST	McManus Chris	AGAINST
Barnes Robert	AGAINST	Moores Eddie	FOR
Bashforth Marie	FOR	Munroe Leanne	FOR
Bashforth Steven	APOLOGIES	Murphy Dave	AGAINST
Birch Ros	FOR	Mushtaq Shaid	FOR
Brownridge Barbara	FOR	Nasheen Umar	FOR
Byrne Pam	AGAINST	Phythian Clint	FOR
Chadderton Amanda	FOR	Phythian Kyle	FOR
Chauhan Zahid	FOR	Quigg Lewis	AGAINST
Cosgrove Angela	APOLOGIES	Rea Lucia	AGAINST
Dean Peter	FOR	Roberts Hannah	FOR
Gloster Chris	AGAINST	Salamat Aqeel Ali	FOR
Gloster Hazel	AGAINST	Sharp Beth	AGAINST
Goodwin Chris	FOR	Sheldon Graham	AGAINST
Hamblett Louie	AGAINST	Shuttleworth Graham	FOR
Harrison Jenny	FOR	Surjan Ruji	FOR
Hindle Neil	AGAINST	Sykes Howard	AGAINST
Hobin Brian	APOLOGIES	Taylor Elaine	FOR
Hulme George	FOR	Wilkinson Mark	AGAINST
Hussain Aftab	FOR	Williams Steve	FOR
Hussain Fida	FOR	Williamson Diane	AGAINST
Hussain Sajed	FOR	Woodvine Max	AGAINST
Ibrahim Nyla	FOR	Garry Elaine (MAYOR)	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken, 35 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the MOTION with 21 VOTES cast AGAINST and 0 ABSTENTIONS.

The MOTION (and the reports) was therefore CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

That Council approves:

1. The policy landscape and context in which the Council is setting its revenue budget for 2023/24.
2. The Budget Reduction requirement for 2023/24 and 2024/25 having regard to funding announcements including the Provisional and Final Local Government Finance Settlements together with the Council's investment in service provision including Children's Social Care.

3. The financial forecasts and Medium-Term Financial Strategy for 2025/26 to 2027/28.
4. The revenue expenditure required to support the proposed Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28 (the proposed Capital Programme being summarised at Appendix 1).
5. The use of £4.130m of surplus Collection Fund resources to support the balancing of the 2023/24 revenue budget.
6. Revisions to Budget Reductions approved in 2021/22 and 2022/23 resulting in a budgetary impact of £3.655m for 2023/24 and £5.700m for 2024/25.
7. The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts at a value of £2.600m for 2023/24 and 2024/25.
8. A proposed overall 2023/24 Council Tax increase of 3.99% for Oldham Council services (1.99% for general purposes and 2% Adult Social Care Precept) resulting in the charges at Band D set out at Table 17 of the report and the detailed charges at Appendix 4.
9. The 2023/24 Budget Reduction proposals at a value of £16.313m with a further £7.575m for 2024/25 and £1.135m for 2025/26.
10. The proposed use of £12.786m of reserves to balance the 2023/24 budget and a transfer to reserves of £1.209m for Retained Business Rates.
11. The proposal to draw on the Collection Fund for major preceptors of £129.543m for Borough Wide services and £108.995m for Council services.
12. The proposed net revenue expenditure budget for 2023/24 for the Council set at £287.051m.
13. The proposed fees and charges for 2023/24 as set out in the schedule included at Appendix 11.
14. The proposed revisions to the Council Tax Empty Property Discount (paragraph 12.37) and Council Tax Empty Property Premium (paragraph 12.39) and confirms the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2023/24 identified in paragraph 12.36.
15. The level of balances supporting the 2023/24 budget of £20.012m underpinned by the agreed policy on Earmarked Reserves.
16. The Pay Policy Statement presented at Appendix 14 including the recommendations at paragraphs 31 and 32.
17. The delegation to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Low Carbon to make a final decision on the feasibility of a pensions pre-payment if it represents value for money to the Council (paragraph 8.2 (o)).
18. The delegation of the determination of the Council's approach to the Household Support Fund to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Low Carbon (paragraph 11.15).
19. The delegation of the determination of the Council's approach to the Council Tax Support Fund and the associated discretionary fund to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Low Carbon (paragraph 11.18).
20. The Capital Strategy for 2023/24 to 2027/28 at Appendix 1 of this report and summarised at section 2.1.

21. The capital programme for 2023/24 and indicative programmes for 2024/25 to 2027/28 at Annex C of Appendix 1 and summarised at sections 2.2 to 2.6 of this report.
22. The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy as presented at Annex D of Appendix 1.

Resolutions 1 and 2 related to the Council Tax Base for the Financial Year 2022/2023 as approved by the Cabinet on 23rd January 2023 and the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2023/2024

No members spoke on this item.

A recorded vote, in line with the Regulations, was then taken on the Resolutions as follows:

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Ahmad Riaz	FOR	Iqbal Javid	FOR
Akhtar Shoab	FOR	Islam Nazrul Mohammed	FOR
Al-Hamdani Sam	FOR	Jabbar Abdul	FOR
Ali Mohon	FOR	Kenyon Mark	FOR
Alyas Mohammed	FOR	Lancaster Luke	FOR
Arnott Dave	FOR	Marland Alicia	ABSENT
Azad Ali Montaz	FOR	McLaren Colin	FOR
Ball Sandra	FOR	McManus Chris	FOR
Barnes Robert	FOR	Moore Eddie	FOR
Bashforth Marie	FOR	Munroe Leanne	FOR
Bashforth Steven	APOLOGIES	Murphy Dave	FOR
Birch Ros	FOR	Mushtaq Shaid	FOR
Brownridge Barbara	FOR	Nasheen Umar	FOR
Byrne Pam	FOR	Phythian Clint	FOR
Chadderton Amanda	FOR	Phythian Kyle	FOR
Chauhan Zahid	FOR	Quigg Lewis	FOR
Cosgrove Angela	APOLOGIES	Rea Lucia	FOR
Dean Peter	FOR	Roberts Hannah	FOR
Gloster Chris	FOR	Salamat Aqeel Ali	FOR
Gloster Hazel	FOR	Sharp Beth	FOR
Goodwin Chris	FOR	Sheldon Graham	FOR
Hamblett Louie	FOR	Shuttleworth Graham	FOR
Harrison Jenny	FOR	Surjan Ruji	FOR
Hindle Neil	FOR	Sykes Howard	FOR

Hobin Brian	APOLOGIES	Taylor Elaine	FOR
Hulme George	FOR	Wilkinson Mark	FOR
Hussain Aftab	FOR	Williams Steve	FOR
Hussain Fida	FOR	Williamson Diane	FOR
Hussain Sajed	FOR	Woodvine Max	FOR
Ibrahim Nyla	FOR	Garry Elaine (MAYOR)	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken, the RESOLUTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution 3 related to the amounts calculated by the Council for the year 2023/2024 in accordance with Sections 31A to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

No members spoke on the item.

A recorded vote, in line with the Regulations, was then taken on the RESOLUTION as follows:

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Ahmad Riaz	FOR	Iqbal Javid	FOR
Akhtar Shoab	FOR	Islam Nazrul Mohammed	FOR
Al-Hamdani Sam	FOR	Jabbar Abdul	FOR
Ali Mohon	FOR	Kenyon Mark	FOR
Alyas Mohammed	FOR	Lancaster Luke	FOR
Arnott Dave	FOR	Marland Alicia	ABSENT
Azad Ali Montaz	FOR	McLaren Colin	FOR
Ball Sandra	FOR	McManus Chris	FOR
Barnes Robert	FOR	Moore Eddie	FOR
Bashforth Marie	FOR	Munroe Leanne	FOR
Bashforth Steven	APOLOGIES	Murphy Dave	FOR
Birch Ros	FOR	Mushtaq Shaid	FOR
Brownridge Barbara	FOR	Nasheen Umar	FOR
Byrne Pam	FOR	Phythian Clint	FOR
Chadderton Amanda	FOR	Phythian Kyle	FOR
Chauhan Zahid	FOR	Quigg Lewis	FOR
Cosgrove Angela	APOLOGIES	Rea Lucia	FOR
Dean Peter	FOR	Roberts Hannah	FOR
Gloster Chris	FOR	Salamat Aqeel Ali	FOR
Gloster Hazel	FOR	Sharp Beth	FOR
Goodwin Chris	FOR	Sheldon	FOR

		Graham	
Hamblett Louie	FOR	Shuttleworth Graham	FOR
Harrison Jenny	FOR	Surjan Ruji	FOR
Hindle Neil	FOR	Sykes Howard	FOR
Hobin Brian	APOLOGIES	Taylor Elaine	FOR
Hulme George	FOR	Wilkinson Mark	FOR
Hussain Aftab	FOR	Williams Steve	FOR
Hussain Fida	FOR	Williamson Diane	FOR
Hussain Sajed	FOR	Woodvine Max	FOR
Ibrahim Nyla	FOR	Garry Elaine (MAYOR)	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken, the RESOLUTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2023/24 in accordance with the Sections 31A to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 be approved as follows:

- a) £674,318,932 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account any Precepts for the Saddleworth and Shaw & Crompton Parish areas
- b) £564,995,319 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A(3) of the Act.
- c) £109,323,614 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax Requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- d) £1,868.78 being the amount at 3(c) above, all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- e) £328,754 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in section 34(1) of the Act, being the Saddleworth and Shaw & Crompton Parish precepts.
- f) £1,863.16 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with

section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

g) £1,888.66 Saddleworth Parish area being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned at 3(e) above divided by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

h) £1,881.05 Shaw & Crompton Parish area being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned at 3(e) above divided by the amount at 1(c) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

Resolution 4 – Relating to the Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept and the Mayor General Precept (including Fire Services)

Councillor Sykes and Councillor Quigg both spoke on this item.

On being put to the VOTE, the RESOLUTION was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that for the year 2023/24 the Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept and the Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services) for Greater Manchester had been issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below be noted.

Resolution 5 – Relating to the Setting of the Council Tax for 2022/2023

No members spoke on this item.

A recorded vote, in line with the Regulations, was then taken on the RESOLUTION as follows:

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Ahmad Riaz	FOR	Iqbal Javid	FOR
Akhtar Shoab	FOR	Islam Nazrul Mohammed	FOR

Al-Hamdani Sam	FOR	Jabbar Abdul	FOR
Ali Mohon	FOR	Kenyon Mark	FOR
Alyas Mohammed	FOR	Lancaster Luke	FOR
Arnott Dave	FOR	Marland Alicia	ABSENT
Azad Ali Montaz	FOR	McLaren Colin	FOR
Ball Sandra	FOR	McManus Chris	FOR
Barnes Robert	FOR	Moore Eddie	FOR
Bashforth Marie	FOR	Munroe Leanne	FOR
Bashforth Steven	APOLOGIES	Murphy Dave	FOR
Birch Ros	FOR	Mushtaq Shaid	FOR
Brownridge Barbara	FOR	Nasheen Umar	FOR
Byrne Pam	FOR	Phythian Clint	FOR
Chadderton Amanda	FOR	Phythian Kyle	FOR
Chauhan Zahid	FOR	Quigg Lewis	FOR
Cosgrove Angela	APOLOGIES	Rea Lucia	FOR
Dean Peter	FOR	Roberts Hannah	FOR
Gloster Chris	FOR	Salamat Aqeel Ali	FOR
Gloster Hazel	FOR	Sharp Beth	FOR
Goodwin Chris	FOR	Sheldon Graham	FOR
Hamblett Louie	FOR	Shuttleworth Graham	FOR
Harrison Jenny	FOR	Surjan Ruji	FOR
Hindle Neil	FOR	Sykes Howard	FOR
Hobin Brian	APOLOGIES	Taylor Elaine	FOR
Hulme George	FOR	Wilkinson Mark	FOR
Hussain Aftab	FOR	Williams Steve	FOR
Hussain Fida	FOR	Williamson Diane	FOR
Hussain Sajed	FOR	Woodvine Max	FOR
Ibrahim Nyla	FOR	Garry Elaine (MAYOR)	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken, the RESOLUTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED: That the Council, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2023/24 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Authority/Parish	Council Tax Bands (£)							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Oldham Council	1,242.10	1,449.12	1,656.14	1,863.16	2,277.19	2,691.23	3,105.26	3,726.3
Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept	162.20	189.23	216.26	243.30	297.36	351.43	405.50	486.0
Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services)	71.96	83.96	95.95	107.95	131.93	155.92	179.91	215.9
Saddleworth Parish Precept	17.00	19.83	22.66	25.50	31.16	36.83	42.50	51.0
Shaw and Crompton Parish Precept	11.92	13.91	15.90	17.89	21.86	25.84	29.81	35.0

AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS

Authority/Parish	Council Tax Bands (£)							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Saddleworth Parish Area	1,493.26	1,742.14	1,991.01	2,239.91	2,737.64	3,235.41	3,733.17	4,479.0
Shaw & Crompton Parish Area	1,488.18	1,736.22	1,984.25	2,232.30	2,728.34	3,224.42	3,720.48	4,464.0
All other parts of the Council's Area	1,476.26	1,722.31	1,968.35	2,214.41	2,706.48	3,198.58	3,690.67	4,428.0

The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 9.00pm



Report to COUNCIL

Members Annual Reports 2022-2023

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15 March 2023

Executive Summary

As part of the ongoing work to strengthen accountability to local people and their role as a Councillor in a co-operative borough, Elected Members are asked to produce an annual report presenting factual information of their work in the community over the last 12 months. Individual reports include ward priorities, work in the community and contact information. The Reports are also available under Councillors' section on the Oldham Council's website

Recommendation

Council are asked to note the reports

Cllr Abdul Jabbar – Coldhurst Ward

My Ward priorities

- Campaigning against littering
- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Raising awareness of green issues and tackle climate change
- Supporting residents with cost of living crisis
- Supporting independent local Businesses

Training Completed

All statutory safeguarding training & attended Climate Changed Training



Work in the community

- Secured funding for resurfacing of Howarth Street, Crompton Street, Trinity Street.
- Sponsored a local improvement fund bid for creating a pocket park at Martha Street and Ripon Street, new streetlighting column on Bay Street, alley gates on Bamford Street and Chancery Street.
- Held number consultation meetings with residents and businesses on wide range of topics including on "Active Neighborhoods".
- Campaigning to increase take up of Covid-19 vaccine and a pop-up centre in Coldhurst.
- Promoted "Don't Trash Oldham" and campaigned strongly against litter dropping in various parts of Coldhurst.
- Worked with the Police and other partner agencies to tackle anti-social behavior in various locations and held number meetings with Coldhurst local Police Team.
- Campaigning to raise awareness on all green issues including using renewable technology to produce clean electricity.
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings.
- Communicated with residents by telephone, email and Microsoft Teams / Zoom to tackle a range of problems.
- Supported residents and community organisations in Coldhurst to secure funding and "cost of living crisis" issues.
- Secured funding for resurfacing the back alleyway between Demark Street and Brierley Street.

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Surgeries

Face to face ward surgeries, see council website for full details. Please contact me via phone or email for any issues or problems.

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Cllr Ali Aqeel Salamat – St Mary's Ward

My Ward priorities

- Anti-social Behaviour
- Housing Issues
- Fly Tipping
- Youth Facilities
- Pot Holes

Training completed

- Safeguarding
- GDPR

Committees

- Chair of central district
- Audit
- TRO panel



Work in the community

Following relaxing of lockdown rules, I have been out and about in the community more than ever which was to be expected given the restrictions placed on all of us over the past two years. I have been working with community groups and individual residents across the ward.

Ward priorities are aligned with the Council priorities which are to make the ward clean, green and safe place for the residents.

With COVID 19, we have worked hard with the Council to ensure that the residents have access to good health and food provision, children's education is maintained and the Council services respond quickly to the changed circumstances.

I have been busy with the casework and my work is supported by the other councillors and the excellent District team who deal with the cases on almost immediate basis. Dealing with the casework is the most satisfying part of being a Councillor.

I and other ward councillors are continually working on clean ups in the areas where it is required, road safety and future planning.

As the ward councillor for St Marys over the past two years we have had two successful local improvement fund grants.

- £40,000 L.I.F grant for outdoors gym at the Meadows (behind Cranbrook st)
- £18,000 L.I.F grant for a bee park behind Orme st And this year L.I.F grant was applied for Bolton st kick pitch to re-surface the ground

Our councillor's budget has been spent on supporting the following services

- Citizens Advice bureau
- Environmental schemes
- Grit bins
- Footpaths and bridleways
- Food parcels for the needy
- Local clean ups

- I have concentrated on funding small first time projects and encouraged them to be self-sufficient in the future as we are a cooperative borough.

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Cllr Alicia Marland – Saddleworth West and Lees Ward

My Ward priorities

- Tackling litter and fly tipping.
- Crime prevention and awareness.
- To introduce traffic calming measures and visibility improvements.
- Fighting to keep our green spaces.
- Reduce off road biking activities.
- Reduce loneliness and isolation particularly in elderly.
- Increase awareness and use of community groups and buildings.
- Increase defibrillator availability.
- CPR and defibrillator training.



Work in the community

- I led the Springhead community opposition to proposed new Openreach wooden poles on Bracken Close and Heywood Fold Road.
- I've been actively involved in stopping the many housing planning applications including Stonebreaks and Maltby and I continue to challenge the decision on Knowls Lane and the ongoing reserved matter applications.
- I organise bi monthly CPR and defibrillator training sessions for residents.
- Sourced funding to purchase four cabinets to relocate internal defibrillators to external locations where they are available for use by residents 24/7. Locations are: St Agnes school, Springhead AFC, St Johns Church, Cooper Street.
- Relocated defibrillator to external cabinet at Lido House, Grotton.
- Visibility improvement measures installed on Coverhill Road, Grotton.
- Grotton Whit Friday committee member.
- Grotton Residents Association – trustee and committee member.
- Lees, Springhead and Grotton litter heroes group – regular attendance at monthly litter collections in all villages, the annual “Spring clean up” event as well as many ad hoc litter collections when out and about.
- Group co-ordinator of the Oldham 2 Re-Engage charity and organise monthly tea parties for isolated and lonely elderly residents.

Ward Budget Spend

- External defibrillator cabinet purchased for Lido House.
- Skip hire for Spring clean up and clearance at the Pavilion, Grotton
- Other small, community focused projects.

Local improvement funding bids submitted January 2023 and those approved to date are for the following community organisations:

- Leesbrook Scout group
- Lees Eco hub
- RAF 2200 cadet squadron
- Ashes Lane playgroup

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Cllr Amanda Chadderton – Royton South

My Ward priorities

- Clean & Green Royton
- Supporting local businesses
- Improving our parks and district centre
- Creating opportunities for our children and young people
- Helping Roytoners with the cost-of-living crisis
- Building a town fit for the future



Being Leader of Oldham Council for the last 10 months and representing the place I grew up and went to school in is an immense pleasure and one I'll never take for granted.

I'm so pleased to have been the Cabinet Member who launched the Don't Trash Oldham initiative in my year as Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, in my view this was the beginning of our journey to getting back on track as a Council and organisation that puts residents first.

Over the last year we have seen our Borough deal with immense challenges, not only the ongoing fallout from the pandemic and the effects this has had on our businesses & economy, our young people's education and everybody's mental health. But we've also been dealing with the ongoing cost-of-living crisis – and the impact the war in Ukraine has had on energy bills for all of our residents – as well as other costs spiraling.

This is why we launched our £3m We Can Help initiative, we want Oldhamers to know that if they're struggling, We Can Help. It's a simple message and one I'm confident is effective – thousands of Oldhamers have received support through our cost-of-living response. Whether it's extra cash or vouchers, food and household essential parcels through our partners at the foodbank, advice and energy saving essentials from our Warm Homes Oldham Team, or long-term support and budgeting advice from our Support and Inclusion Team – Oldham Council is making a difference for Oldhamers.

We've also seen some tremendous strides with our town centre regeneration over the last year – work has begun converting the Egyptian Rooms into a modern food court with independent restaurants and a bar, our work at Spindles continues at pace – Council Officers are now working out of the upper mall and phase 2 is on track so that we can all leave the civic centre and unlock another key regeneration site in our town centre, work at the Old Library is well underway to bring that building back into public use and the demolition on the old TJ Hughes unit has begun meaning we're one step closer to building a brand new, state of the art market as a new home for our beloved Tommyfield Market.

I'm so proud of our town and I'm committed to making Royton and the rest of Oldham a better place in the time that I'm a custodian of our town.

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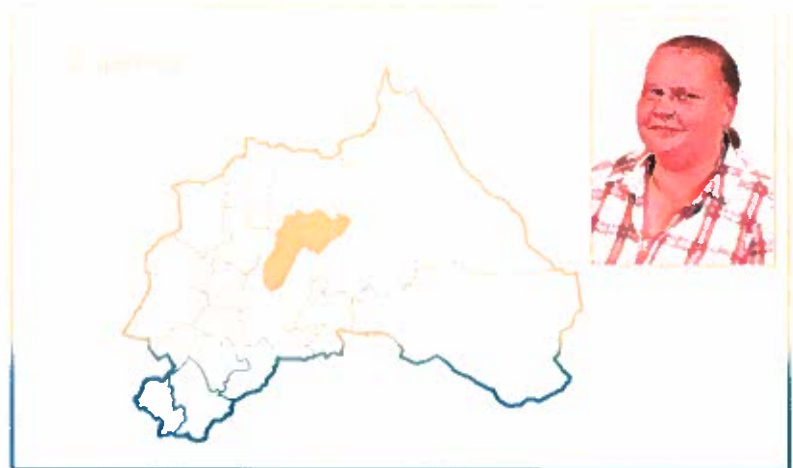
Cllr Angela Cosgrove – St James Ward

My Ward priorities

- Community engagement
- Parks and open spaces
- Environmental issues and enforcement
- ASB & Crime reduction
- Young people and family services
- Highways and Traffic concerns

Training completed

- Safeguarding
- Licensing safeguarding
- Enforcement



Work in the community

- District Lead for the East Cluster, Licensing committee, Licensing Driver Panel, Planning committee
- Secretary of The Friends of Stoneleigh Park, Member of Oldham's Poverty Action Group, Derker Community gardens and Stoneleigh Park bowling teams
- Campaigned and supported residents with St James planning concerns throughout the ward.
- Working with the Police, FCHO and community Safety on residents' concerns around ASB and crime
- I volunteer at Stoneleigh Parks growing hub, the twice weekly Brew and Natters which are warm spaces for residents. By being based daily at Stoneleigh Park Community cabin I am accessible to residents to help, support and signpost them to help with a range of issues.
- I volunteer each school holiday at the family sessions in Stoneleigh Park with food provision and activities. Providing help, signposting/referring, advice and support to local families
- I complete daily casework issues around the communities within the St James ward, so that issues can be raised and to engage with residents so I am aware of resident priorities. I have also worked with the door-to-door engagement teams out in the communities of my ward, supporting residents on the doorstep during my street surgeries as well as completing monthly surgeries and walkabouts with FCHO.
- I organise and volunteer on Monthly litter picks with community volunteers throughout the year weather permitting.
- My mobile phone is busy with residents calling for support/help/advice with everyday problems and issues. I manage several community FB pages as well as the St James Labour page to try and get information out to residents.
- This last year I have used my Councillor budget to fund several community groups throughout the ward as they provide essential service and activities for St James residents. Events and activities I have supported are:
 - Christmas light switch on at Moorside and refreshments at St Thomas Church afterwards
 - Derker Community Gardens project site clearance
 - Dirt Track bike track at Stoneleigh Park
 - Sholver and Moorside Flower show
 - Oldham Play action group activities near shops on Sholver
 - Christmas project throughout the ward
 - Pennine Cascades Dance Troupe
 - Quality sports at Stoneleigh Park
 - Sholver and Moorside Christmas raffle
 - Residents requests for drop Kerb marking
 - Memorial in memory of Rose Johnstone
 - Match funding for the LIF bids for Stoneleigh Park play area and Pearly Bank clean up

Cllr Barbara Brownridge – Chadderton North Ward

My Ward priorities

- Community safety
- Environment
- Highway safety



Work in the community

- Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care
 - Member of Pennine Care NHS Trust
 - Miocare Board
 - Health and Wellbeing Board
 - Integrated Care Partnership Board
 - Chair Oldham Locality Board and Learning Disability Partnership Board
 - Northern Roots Board
 - Co-operative Councils Innovation Network Executive Oversight Committee
 - Advisor to New Chadderton Partnership
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- The long awaited traffic calming measures at Burnley lane will be installed soon and investigations are underway in relation to speeding on Middleton Rd and Chadderton Hall Rd
 - I continue to work with the police and the detached youth team regarding ASB. The situation at St Mark's Court is much improved but there are still issues in relation to Fitton Park
 - I have taken part in litter picks the most recent being at Clevedon Rd following approaches from a local resident.
 - My colleagues and I are re-introducing walking surgeries as well as the monthly surgeries that take place in the Wellbeing Centre
 - I supported a successful bid by the Yuvanis Foundation who will support young people in Chadderton. I also supported the bid for additional car parking at Chadderton Hall Park the decision on which is still waited.

Ward Budget Spend

Pooled budget: Planters at the precinct; Christmas lights; Citizens' Advice and mental health support for young people sessions

Personal budget; Support for Chadderton FC Juniors and International Women's Day Event. Money held in reserve as a contribution to the Park car park extension

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Surgeries:

Every second Thursday, 3pm at the Wellbeing Centre

Cllr Beth Sharp – St. James Ward

My Ward priorities

As a resident of the St James' Ward I have seen firsthand the concerns resident face.

Since I was elected, I have been ensuring that the ward has a strong voice and I have been focusing on raising local issues which matter most for all residents, from protecting our green belt, to cleaning up our streets and road safety.



Work in the community

- I was elected to serve the St. James' ward as a Conservative Councillor in May 2021.
- Since my election I have spent time familiarising myself with the workings and procedures of the Council to help me better serve the ward.
- I have attended training on safeguarding.
- I have attended Planning Committee meetings and spoke on behalf of residents regarding applications in the ward.
- I deal with casework from residents across the ward and hold regular street surgeries and face to face surgeries which I advertise in advance. I also carry out ward walks and report any issues found to Council.
- I have regularly spoken in Council on matters relating to the ward and on opposition business relating to the Town Centre proposals and the budget, in an attempt to ensure funding allocated to Oldham Council through Central Government is used wisely and not wasted.
- I have met with officers in various departments regarding issues across the ward, such as the derelict sites in Derker. Following the millions of pounds provided by central government to support development on these sites, I was pleased that following my request, a public consultation was held with local residents to ensure residents concerns were heard and taken into account.
- I continue to work with residents concerned about anti-social behavior across the ward and I have organised two community meeting with residents and GMP. Following residents requests this also resulted in a further meeting with Home Watch to gain information on how a group would work.
- I have attended several community social events from coffee mornings, to jubilee parties, Christmas carol services and planting trees in memory of the late Queen. I have also used the community budget allocated to me to fund Christmas decorations for the three Care Homes across the ward, supporting events such as the Flower Show at Sholver Community Centre and summer activities for families in Stoneleigh Park.
- I will continue to work hard in the next municipal year to ensure that the concerns and need of St. James' residents are met and resolved without delay.

Ward Budget Spend

- Providing funding for residents within care homes to have a Christmas party and festive celebrations
- Fixing and repairing local amenities across the ward
- Supporting local organisations
- Memorial funding for a well respected and missed member of the community

Cllr Chris Gloster – Shaw Ward

My Ward priorities

- Continue to support residents and Businesses throughout Covid-19
- Support residents and businesses affected by increase in spiraling cost of living especially energy costs
- New Health Centre for Shaw
- Protecting Green Belt/Spaces
- Listening and engaging with residents
- Environmental Improvements
- Local Policing ASB/crime
- Bus and tram services
- Highways, footways and speeding
- Traffic



Training completed

- 15/02/2022 - Barnardo's Safeguarding training - Module 4
- 09/02/2022 - Safeguarding Refresher

Work in the community

2022 has finally brought normality back to the way of working, however the legacy of Covid still has a daily effect upon council business. What is particularly difficult is that some council departments and partners continue to work remotely which creates difficulties for councillors and residents to communicate directly with officers and other partners however both myself and my ward colleagues will continue to support our community despite these obstacles.

An emerging concern during 2022 has been the 'cost of living crisis'. Residents are feeling the effects of spiralling food, energy and mortgage costs. Families that previously had a comfort barrier in relation to finances and now finding that they are spiraling towards a just about managing situation, whereas our most vulnerable residents quite simply are unable to make ends meet and are in greatest need of our support even with the basics of food and warmth. I continue to work with these vulnerable groups and individuals to try and make their lives as comfortable as possible, ensuing on occasions that they are receiving food and energy vouchers where needed, that their housing provider cannot unlawfully evict them, or where they are in a desperate situation, I can obtain grants for them for essential items in the home.

Both my ward colleagues and I are conscious of people that have become isolated over the last couple of years. Shaw has an amazing network of groups and clubs that we can direct people towards to break the chain of isolation and as well as supporting these residents and ensure that we as ward councillors support these organisations to ensure that they are able to deliver voluntary services even with simple measures that keep people warm, fed and safe.

I am pleased to report that I was successful in obtaining substantial Local Improvement Funds to completely repair the Multi Use Games Area at George Street Playing Fields as well as similar funding to replace all the benches in Crompton Cemetery that were beyond repair and frankly disrespectful to visitors to the cemetery who simply wish to sit in peace and reflection.

I am a member of the committees below where business as usual still needs to take place and I retain my 100% record for attendance at ordinary full council meetings. Additionally, as Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Opposition on Oldham Council, I hold the Shadow Finance and Low Carbon portfolio, and work with officers throughout the year.

- [Audit Committee](#)
- [Charitable Trust Committee](#) (Substitute)
- [Clayton Playing Fields](#)

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Surgeries

Held every Thursday at Shaw Lifelong Learning Centre (No appointment necessary)

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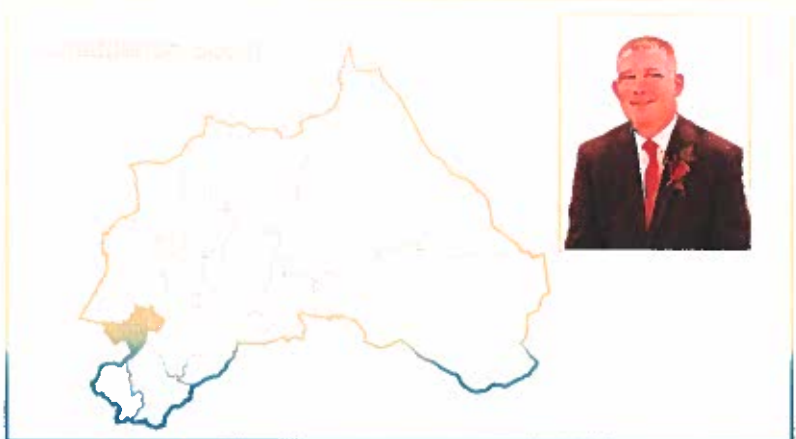
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Cllr Chris Goodwin – Chadderton South Ward

My Ward priorities

- Road safety
- Environmental Improvements
- Social Isolation
- Tackling Deprivation



Work in the community

- In addition to my regular monthly drop in advice surgeries, I also take part in events which are organised by various community groups throughout the ward.
- I also arrange meetings of residents who may wish to speak to officers of the council regarding a particular matter.
- I attend Chadderton and District Homewatch meetings listening to and acting on residents' concerns where possible. I also attend the Chadderton Pub and Club watch meetings.
- I work closely with Highways England to ensure the A663 Broadway is suitably maintained and that road safety measures are as effective as practicable.
- I am regularly out and about in the ward to ensure that I can report matters that are in need of repair or enforcement.

Ward Budget Spend

Cllr C Goodwin Individual Budget		2022-23	2021-22 Env Projects
		5000.00	1200.00
Project	Amount £		
Keyring - Project Pride	100.00		
Pooled for central district spend			394.62
International Women's Day	42.50		
Total Spent	142.50		394.62
Total Remaining	4857.50		805.38

The remainder will be allocated for Environmental Projects

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Surgeries

Usually on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 6-7pm at FCHO , Nelson Way. Please check with the Council website beforehand.

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Cllr Chris McManus – Saddleworth South Ward

My Ward priorities

- Calling for a Health Centre and increased service provisions.
- Demanding fairer funding considering Saddleworth South pays the most Council Tax!
- Opposing plans to destroy our precious green spaces.
- Working closely with charitable and voluntary organisations across our village communities.
- Supporting Saddleworth's customs, culture, heritage and village character—including its traditional events and festivals.



Work in the community

- Supported residents in opposing destructive developments across the Ward
- Represented residents at Remembrance Services across Saddleworth
- I have assisted residents with ongoing issues surrounding Council Tax issues
- I have worked with Highways to improve road safety across the Ward including a new crossing at St Mary's School Greenfield, requested yellow lines at several locations at the behest of frustrated residents and helped deliver the return of VAS.
- I have dealt with hundreds of items of general casework including potholes, fly tipping, damaged street furniture, Anti-social behavior etc
- Supported Motions at Full Council beneficial for Saddleworth residents including Armed Forces support and service provisions, amongst other things.
- Asked Questions to the Council on important matters pertaining to Saddleworth and Oldham as a whole
- Liaised with residents and the Council with support for ongoing and new issues
- Directly contacted and subsequently supported several local groups and schools in their Local Improvement Fund (LIF) applications
- Submitted several LIF applications for the benefit of the local community including a Bandstand and Bicycle Training Track
- Communicated with residents regularly keeping them updated of road closures, diversions, bridge closures etc
- Developed a relationship with several local groups and facilitated sharing of unwanted equipment and closer cooperation
- Supported several local groups including Local Schools, Greenfield Cricket Club, Friezland Band, The Northern Alsatian and All Breeds Training Club and the Boarshurst Centre with financial contributions
- Worked alongside colleagues to make Saddleworth a better place to live

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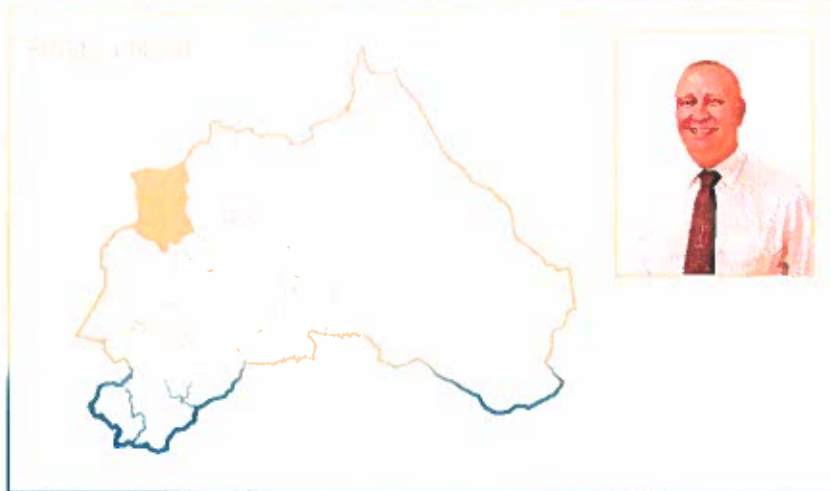
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Surgeries

Cllr Clint Phythian – Royton North Ward

My Ward priorities

- Road Safety Working with GMP to combat crime
- Post Covid recovery for businesses in Royton.
- Keep Royton tidy
- Making sure our green spaces are fit for purpose
- Dog fouling problems
- Pot holes
- Remembrance day



Work in the community

- Organized litter picks across Royton, Shaw and Crompton
- helped to set up the new Royton events group.
- Dressed up as Father Xmas and handed hundreds of presents to local children on the Royton Xmas light switch on.
- Helped many residents daily with multiple issues from planning applications to social work issues.
- Laid the wreath for our MP on remembrance Sunday to remember the people who gave the ultimate sacrifice.
- Won 2 bids in the Local Improvement Fund for Royton North, one to fill potholes on Highlands Road and the other for outdoor gym equipment in Dogford Park.
- Used my Cllr budget to fund some projects residents requested.

Ward Budget Spend

- £1800

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Cllr Clint Phythian or Royton

North Labour Party

Surgeries

The first Saturday of each month at St Paul's Parish Centre

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Cllr Colin McLaren - Chadderton Central Ward

My Ward priorities

- Road Safety
- Improving the environment
- Supporting residents
- Promoting health and wellbeing



Work in the community

- Chair – Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Member – Health Scrutiny Committee, Licensing Committee (Vice Chair), Chadderton District Executive, Pennine Acute Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (Chair)
- Representative of Oldham Council on the Peak District National Park Authority, Trustee of the Peak District National Park Foundation Charity (Vice Chair).
- Governor – Halcyon Way Community Special School and the Radclyffe School.
- Trustee – Crossley Community Centre and Chadderton Together and supporting other community groups and organisations.
- Addressing various problems raised by residents on an ongoing basis. Organising and taking part in litter picks. Regular attendance at Oldham Council and other committee meetings.
- Holding regular ward surgeries and street surgeries.

Ward Budget Spend

- Children Celebration Appeal £100
- Historical Information Boards £1000
- Various Environmental Projects £900
- Pooled District Budget – Citizens Advice Bureau, Off the Record (Youth Counselling) £3000

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Surgeries

St Saviour's Church, Bishopgate Street

Saturday 10-11am

Kingfisher Community Special School Friday
5-6pm

Mills Hill Primary School Friday 5-6pm please
see local press for further details.

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Cllr Dave Arnott – Royton North Ward

My Ward priorities

- Reduction in crime and anti-social behavior.
- Better roads and fewer potholes.
- End fly tipping and clean up Royton.
- Better facilities for our young people.
- Protect Roytons greenbelt.
- Support for our veterans.
- Improvements at Royton Medical Centre.
- Improved access to funding for Royton



Work in the community

- Secured funding for upgrades and renovations in Dogford Road Park.
- Secured funding for youth sport at Royton Cricket Club.
- Supported Armed Forces Day event.
- Purchased and installed Armed Forces flags around Royton for Remembrance Sunday events.
- Supported Royton Royal British Legion with campaigns and projects.
- Campaigned for resolution to Park Lane House concerns.
- Campaigned for parking restrictions and road safety measures at Fir Bank Primary School.
- Campaigned for the return of the Heyside War Memorial to Royton.
- Active member of Royton Cricket Club, Royton Royal British Legion and Crompton and Royton Golf Club.

Ward Budget Spend

- Grant for youth sport and activities at Royton Cricket Club.
- Grant for greens repairs at Royton Bowls Club.
- Grant for "Sgt John Hogan VC" signs in Royton.
- Grant for St Pauls Church Restoration Fund.
- Grant for Royton RBL Heyside War Memorial project.
- Grant for "Learning Shed" at Fir Bank Primary School.
- Grant for Royton RAF Cadets.
- Royton Xmas lights.
- Town Centre summer and winter planting.
- Grants to Royton schools for coronation events.

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Surgeries

The first Saturday of each month at St Paul's Parish Centre

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Cllr Dave Murphy – Crompton Ward

My Ward priorities

- Supporting residents through COVID-19
- Listening to residents
- **Environmental Issues**
- **Championing highway and footpath issues**
- **Protecting Greenbelt and OPOL**
- **New Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton**
- **Demanding better for Crompton**
- **Working all year round not just at Election time.**
- Highway improvements which includes footpaths and safety
- Tackling Dog Fouling



Work in the community

- Demanding better for Crompton.
- Working with our fantastic Royton, Shaw and Crompton District Team to deliver services and aspirations to Shaw and Crompton wards.
- Working with Oldham Council's amazing staff from, Chief Executive, Directors and Officers to deliver services for Crompton. Thank you for all your hard work I really appreciate everything each and every one does to make sure Crompton and Oldham is a great place to live, work and enjoy 😊
- Knocking on doors all year round not just at election time.
- Updates on Twitter
- Working with partners such as First Choice Homes Oldham and Greater Manchester Police.
- Worked alongside ward colleagues to bring together the "Love Where You Live" campaign – which aims to tackle dog fouling, litter and fly tipping whilst bring a sense of pride to the area.
- Attended all Full Oldham Council meetings and online meetings have asked questions, made observations and asked questions on minutes as well as submitted motions to influence policy and procedures.
- Shaw and Crompton wards hold face to face ward surgeries, organised every week, on a rota basis with my five ward colleagues – this allows me to listen to residents' concerns personally, rather than them trying to put it in an email.
- I am the Shadow Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, which I really enjoy as it gives me the opportunity to hold to administration to account whilst also offering other alternatives.
- Continue to campaign to get a Health Centre for the residents of Shaw and Crompton. Which looks to have taken a giant leap forward by having planning permission granted and work to start any moment..
- Continuing to sort local environmental issues such as dog fouling, litter and flytipping.
- Continue to raise concerns about the state of the roads and working to fix potholes, surface erosion and making sure poor roads are part of a programmed works plan for replacement or treatment. 3x problematic roads have been fixed, Rochdale Road, The Link and Low Crompton Road as well as several other roads in Royton, Shaw and Crompton.
- Supporting community groups.

Issues for the community have taken on a whole new dynamic as we start to have to live with COVID-19 and financial challenges.

Residents continue to contact us with issues but it's definitely not business as usual as we look to do what we can to help which I have found very frustrating.

We continue to door knock making sure residents are ok and to make sure they are safe and well and we look to support local businesses as they start to get back on their feet.

Liberal Democrat Councillor's priorities are your priorities, and we will deliver where possible what residents want it is how we base our campaigning. You have told us what you want whether that is on the doors, if we bump into you on the street, at community meeting and through our paper communications.

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Surgeries

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My Ward priorities

- Supporting residents through COVID-19
- Listening to residents
- **Environmental Issues**
- **Championing highway and footpath issues**
- **Protecting Greenbelt and OPOL**
- **New Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton**
- **Demanding better for Crompton**
- **Working all year round not just at Election time.**
- Highway improvements which include footpaths and safety
- Tackling Dog Fouling



Work in the community

- **Demanding better for Crompton.**
- **Working with our fantastic Royton, Shaw and Crompton District Team to deliver services and aspirations to Shaw and Crompton wards.**
- **Knocking on doors all year round not just at election time.**
- **Updates on Twitter**
- **Working with partners such as First Choice Homes Oldham and Greater Manchester Police.**
- **Worked alongside ward colleagues to bring together the “Love Where You Live” campaign – which aims to tackle dog fouling, litter and fly tipping whilst bring a sense of pride to the area.**
- **Attended all Full Oldham Council meetings and online meetings have asked questions, made observations on minutes as well as submitted motions to influence policy and procedures.**
- **Shaw and Crompton wards hold face to face ward surgeries, organised every week, on a rota basis with my five ward colleagues – this allows me to listen to residents’ concerns personally, rather than them trying to put it in an email.**
- **I am the Shadow Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure, which I really enjoy as it gives me the opportunity to hold to administration to account whilst also offering other alternatives.**
- **We worked hard to get a Health Centre in Shaw town centre for the residents of High Crompton, Shaw and Royton. This will provide the services that are already in Crompton Heath Centre, but hopefully more could be added. That is our hope and aspiration.**
- **Continuing to sort local environmental issues such as dog fouling, litter and fly tipping.**
- **Continue to raise concerns about the state of the roads and working to fix potholes;, surface erosion and making sure poor roads are part of a programmed works plan for replacement or treatment. 3x problematic roads have been fixed, Rochdale Road, The Link and Low Crompton Road as well as several other roads in Royton, Shaw and Crompton.**
- **We try to support community groups, whether that is advice or funding.**
- **Member of Hopwood Trust appointed by the Council.**
- **Organise the Holocaust Remembrance Service at Crompton War Memorial for the last 16 years, with the help and support of the district team.**
- **Supports the High Crompton Park Friends.**

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Cllr Eddie Moores - Chadderton Central Ward

My Ward priorities

- Road Safety
- Improving the Environment
- Supporting Residents
- Promoting Health and Wellbeing



Work in the community

- Cabinet Member – Children, Young People and Early Years
- Member - Health & Wellbeing Board, Commissioning Board & Regional Adoption Panel, Oldham Health & Care System Board, Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership
- Chair - Corporate Parenting Panel. Chair – Co-Chair Children’s Alliance.
- Governor - Mills Hill CPS (Chair), Blue Coat School (Chair), Radclyffe School & Christie Hospital Foundation Trust.
- Trustee – Oldham Enterprise Trust, Cranmer Education Trust, Henshaw Education Trust & Chadderton Together.
- Organising and taking part in litter picks.
- Regular attendance at Oldham Council meetings.
- Worked with Oldham Foodbank delivering food packages.
- Holding regular ward surgeries and street surgeries
- Cabinet Member – Children, Young People and Early Years

Ward Budget Spend

Project	Amount £
Children's Celebration Appeal	100.00
Historic Information Boards	1000.00
Various Projects - Grit Bins – Quad Bike Signage – Litter Picking Equipment	900.00
Pooled District Budget – Citizens Advice Service – Off the Record	3000.00

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Surgeries

10.00 – 11.00am - 2nd Saturday of the month at St Saviour Church.

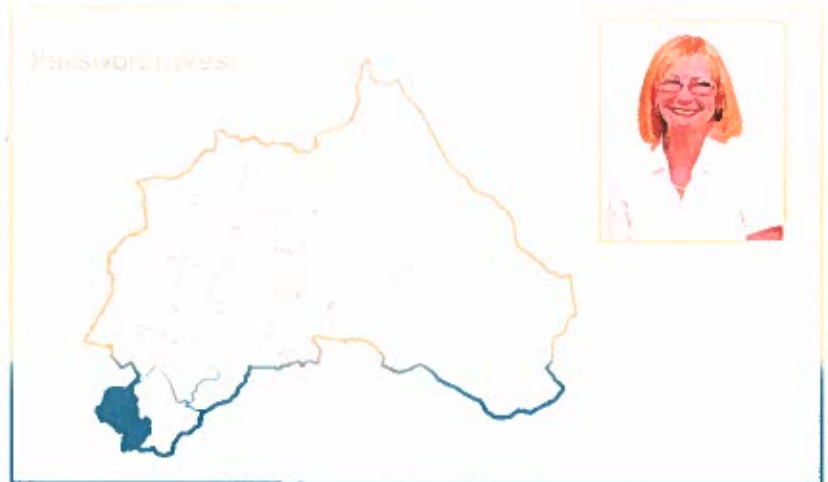
5.00 – 6.00pm - 2nd Friday of the month, alternately at Mills Hill Primary school or King Fisher Special School.

Please check the Council website for full details.

Cllr Elaine Garry - Failsworth West Ward

My Ward priorities

- Making Failsworth Greener
- Improve and enhance health and wellbeing
- Support and enhance community groups
- Making Failsworth cleaner
- Ensuring roads, pavements and Greenspaces are maintained
- Support anti-social reduction measures
- Enhance Failsworth Lower Park



Work in the community

- Served as Deputy Mayor May 21 – May 22
- Mayor of Oldham May 2022 - 2023
- Support and raise money for Mayor's charities
- Support foodbanks
- Hold surgeries
- Action all case work received
- Support and promote community groups throughout Oldham
- To be an ambassador for all of Oldham
- Honorary President Oldham Hospital League of Friends
- Honorary Warden Oldham Parish Church
- Meet and greet distinguished guests and visitors to Oldham
- Represent Oldham at civic events

Ward Budget Spend

- Grit bins £343.38
- Christmas light switch on event £575.74
- Remembrance Sunday LED screen £300.00
- Grassroots forest school event £500.00
- South Failsworth School owl and outdoor play equipment £1278.23
- Moston Brook cycle path event – Dirt Factory £200.00
- Failsworth Carnival £550.00
- Breaking the Waves £500.00
- WRVS Failsworth £282.00
- 2nd Failsworth Brownies

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Surgeries:

First Thursday of the month.

My Ward priorities

- Public Safety
- Ensuring our local roads, pavements and green spaces are well maintained
- Tackling deprivation
- Preserving local heritage
- Promoting Health & Wellbeing
- Supporting Residents



Work in the community

- Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure
- Supporting Voluntary Organisations to access the grants system
- Holding regular advice surgeries to engage with residents and community groups
- Attending local Resident Association meetings and regular walk-about on the Crossley Estate
- Organising and taking part in local litter picking activities and cleaning up of un-adopted green spaces.
- Securing additional funding for local initiatives, such as improved/ walking cycling routes, and additional lighting columns for safety purposes
- Working with the Council's Community Safety Team and local Neighbourhood Policing to reduce anti-social behavior
- Working with the New Chadderton Partnership to establish a Neighbourhood Forum and develop a shared vision for Chadderton
- Working with the voluntary sector to help tackle social isolation for elderly/ vulnerable residents
- Volunteering at local events such as Chadderton Day

Ward Budget Spend

- Vehicle activated signs - £1,750
- Crossey Playing Field Signs - £280
- Historic Information Boards - £830
- Local Parks - £830
- Grit Bins - £160
- Children's Christmas Appeal/ HAF funding - £180
- Int. Women's Day - £43
- Pooled District Budget – CAB/ Off the Record/ Christmas Lights - £3,000

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Surgeries

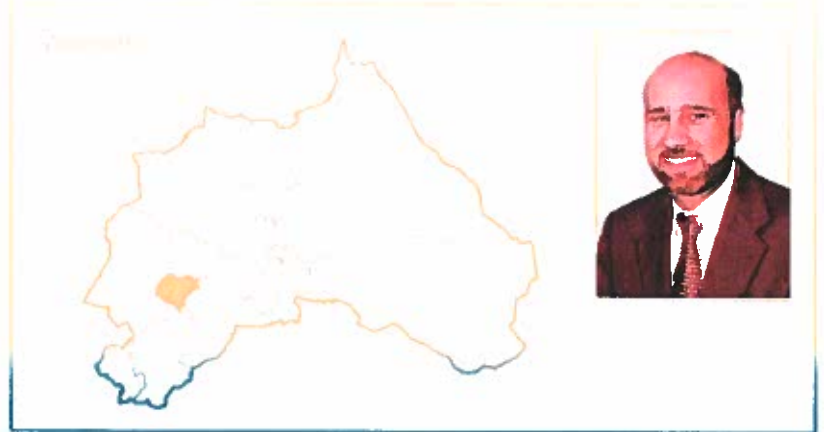
10.00 – 11.00am - 2nd Saturday of the month at St Saviour Church.

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Cllr Fida Hussain – Werneth Ward

My Ward priorities

- New improved better housing
- Don't trash Oldham
- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Supporting residents post Covid-19
- Environment/highways



Work in the community

- Deal with a large number of individual cases on housing, immigration, health and education.
- Helped and supported residents post Covid-19
- Supporting local businesses
- Helped and advised people in the current Cost of living and Energy Crisis
- Working with volunteer groups/organisations e.g., Foodbanks
- Advice sessions
- Improvement to Werneth Park, introducing Multi Use Game Area (MUGA), as well as outdoor Gym equipment for physical activity and well-being
- Supporting alleygating scheme to prevent anti-social behaviour

Ward budgets spend:

I supported:

- 1 local foodbank
- BASH cricket club
- Street play sessions
- Women support group

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Surgeries

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Cllr Graham Sheldon – Saddleworth South Ward

My Ward priorities

- Pressing for a new medical facility for Saddleworth
- Protecting green spaces/green belt
- Improving footpaths
- Keeping the streets free from litter and fly tipping
- Supporting RSPB and United Utilities at Dovestones
- Improving safety on our roads
- Supporting businesses coming out of Lockdown



Work in the community

- Conservative Ward Councillor for Saddleworth South.
- Leader of the opposition Group Conservative Party - Oldham MBC. This includes providing leadership and advice to members of the Group.
- Economic and Social Reform shadow cabinet member.
- Member of the Appointments Committee.
- Campaigning for a new medical facility for Saddleworth.
- Liaising with various Council Departments on behalf of residents.
- Continuing work to protect green spaces and green belt.
- Committed to improving footpaths.
- Ongoing work to ensure streets are clean and free of litter and fly tipping.
- Supporting RSPB and United Utilities to keep Dovestones Reservoir safe and an open space for people to enjoy.
- Improving safety on our roads and supporting speed cameras.
- Supporting businesses coming out of Lockdown.

Ward Budget Spend

Various projects including providing grit bins, Christmas trees and event lighting, refurbishment of instruments (Friezland Band). Also supporting Yorkshire Day, Band Contest, Mountain Rescue Team, student sponsorship to Spain along with other projects.

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Surgeries

I do not hold ward surgeries.

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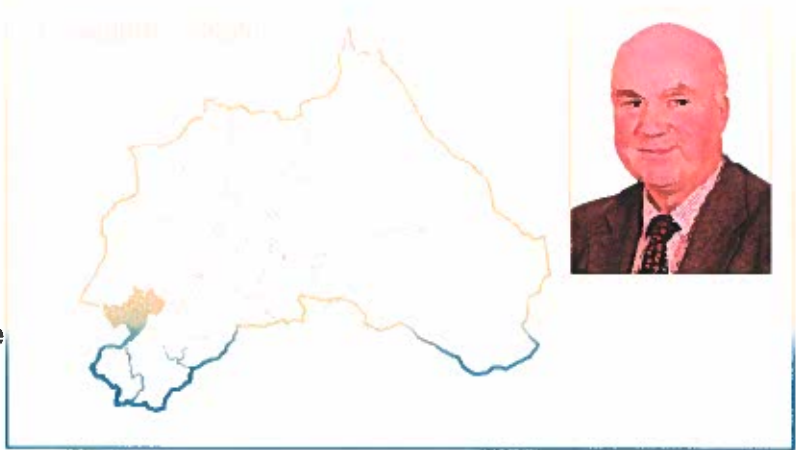
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My Ward priorities

- To work with and for residents in order to achieve the best outcome where possible
- Continue to tackle fly tipping which blights our area
- To work with our partners who do so much to support others.
- To ensure as best I can that I provide a service to others that I would expect to receive



Work in the community

- During 2022/23 I have continued to engage with residents, groups and partners and going round the ward as my commitment to ensure that Chadderton South
- This year has also been like no other for me as I was invited to be a Consort to the Mayor, which, as well as attending functions within my own ward, has seen me attending events both with the Borough as well as in various areas in Greater Manchester.
- I am proud that a number of years ago we brought back into the ward a junior youth club. Those junior members have now outgrown that club and a senior youth club is now open.
- No report can ignore the cost of living crisis and the impact that this has had on so many, in particular, the most disadvantaged. I am pleased that I have been able to part fund lunches for those younger members during a school holiday period and will do so again.
- Fly tipping continues to present challenges, which is of course are a cost not only to the Borough finances but produce an impact on those residents who have their areas blighted, all due to someone who shows a total disregard for their neighbours and others.
- Unfortunately there were a small number of groups who missed the application deadline for the Jubilee Celebration for Queen Elizabeth. However, with my ward colleague we ensured that those groups were able to celebrate the incredible service that Her Majesty gave the country.

Ward Budget Spend

Key Ring – Pride Event	£100.00	Dementia Community Café	£250.00	Meeting Point Café	£230.00
Pooled for central spend	£394.62	Jubilee Celebration	£125.00	Lunch Day Event	£260.00
Meeting Point Café	£208.87	International Women’s Day	£42.50		

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Surgeries

As at the time of compiling this report I am waiting on details of the police shift pattern for 2023 as I hold a joint surgery with the local officers.

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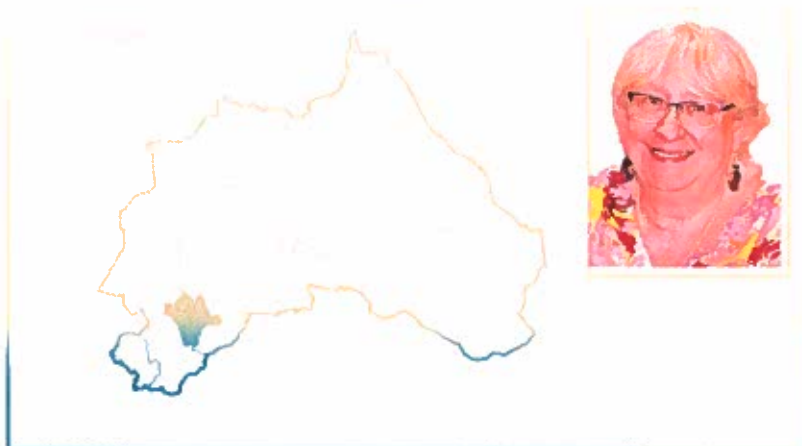
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My Ward priorities

- Work with residents to keep Hollinwood clean, safe and secure
- Deal promptly with issues raised With me and make sure residents get the best possible Council and other public services
- Do all I can to help residents cope with the cost of living crisis



Work in the community

This report covers the period from my election on the 17th November 2022.

- I have set up regular meetings to raise residents' concerns with the Neighborhood Police Team. I am working with Regenda and Onward Housing Associations to tackle environmental issues in Limeside and Limehurst. I have met residents of School House flats at their regular coffee morning (and would be happy to come along to other events).
- I have been out in the ward with the Council's Engagement Team spreading the word about help with the cost of living crisis and picking up residents' concerns. I have responded to queries from residents including about planning permission, tree pruning, litter and fly-tipping, verges and parking, traffic schemes and roadworks, impact of broadband installation and complaints about the condition of social housing.
- I have organized repairs to the steps between Hollins Road and Whitland Drive.
- I have supported tree planting including a tree in memory of Councillor Jean Stretton.
- I have continued to knock on doors talking to residents about their concerns and making sure people know how to get in touch for help.
- I have supported successful bids to the Local Improvement Fund for improvements to Limeside Park (upgrading existing games area, improving drainage and new planting), traffic calming on Pretoria Road and environmental improvements on Vicarage Street.

Ward Budget Spend

- Summer/winter planting £1426.30
- Discussions with Onward housing about supporting community initiatives including funding Fox ABC to provide diversionary activity for young people to reduce anti-social behavior

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Surgeries

11am -12 noon, 2nd Saturday of the month

St Chad's Centre, Lime Green Parade, OL8 3HH

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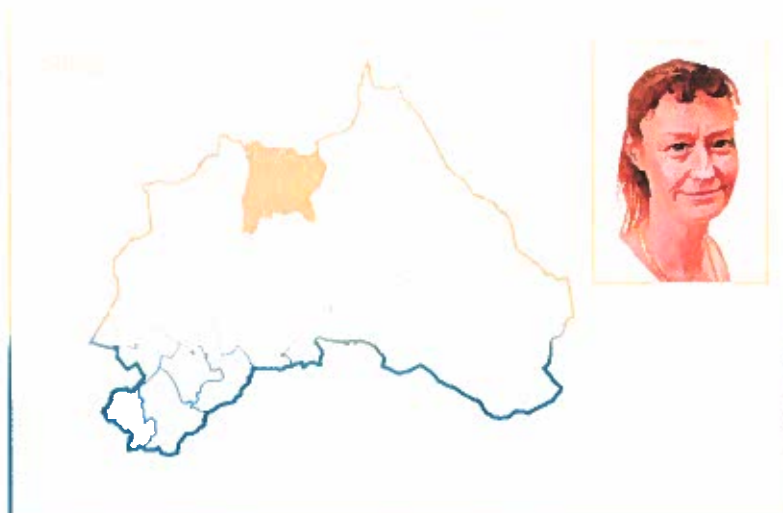
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My Ward priorities

- Supporting residents and businesses
- to recover from pandemic
- New Health Centre for Shaw
- Protecting Green Belt/Spaces
- Litter, Fly Tipping and Dog Fouling
- Listening and engaging with residents
- Environmental Improvements
- Local Policing ASB/crime
- Bus and tram services
- Highways, footways and speeding traffic



Training completed

- Corporate Parenting – Mandatory
- Safeguarding
- Planning Training - Mandatory

Work in the community

Throughout 2022 the Covid-19 recovery has made life very difficult for residents and businesses. The Community of Shaw has once again stepped up to the challenge by supporting our neighbours, shopping local to sustain our small businesses.

Unfortunately, there have been some business casualties but on the whole, by adapting the way they work many have survived and are once again thriving.

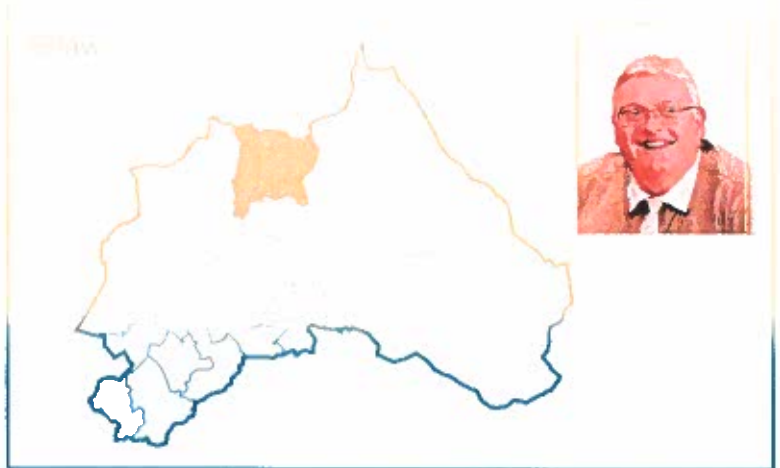
Although the ways we have been working have changed dramatically, with far more emphasis being placed on telephone and electronic communications, the issues faced have remained very similar to previous years but with far more emphasis on our Community. Throughout the year I have continued to work hard for my residents offering support, advice and guidance to help meet their needs and resolve their issues where possible. The Cost of living crisis has features as a priority for many residents and I have supported many to obtain the support they need to keep their families warm and fed.

I have continued to demand Better for Shaw by: -

- Achieving a new Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton.
- I have worked with residents to overcome issues around school attendance and home schooling, together with issues around free school meals and access to appropriate information technology.
- I have liaised with Council departments such as Environmental Health, Waste and Highways to resolve incidences of Fly Tipping, Dog Fouling and missed rubbish collections to keep our communities clean.
- I have worked closely with our Education colleagues to ensure our teachers; support staff and parents are supported appropriately. I meet with them regularly to keep abreast of any issues our education providers are facing together with discussing potential resolutions.
- I have maintained a close link with our Children's Services colleagues, who have faced a significant increase in cases of domestic abuse, significant injuries to children and safeguarding cases across the Borough and within my ward.
- I am a member of the Cross Party Climate Change group which is working to achieve a more sustainable future for our next generations.
- I have continued to raise concerns about our highways and footways, fixing potholes, surface erosion and making sure poor roads are programmed for replacement where required.

My Ward priorities

- Delivering a new Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton
- Listening to residents
- Protecting Green Belt/spaces
- Public rights of Way
- Litter, fly-tipping, and dog fouling
- Environmental improvements
- Local policing ASB/crime
- Bus and tram services
- Highways, footways, and speeding traffic



Training completed

- Safeguarding Refresher
- ALDC/LGA Councillor weekend
- LGA training and briefings
- LGA Conference
- Diversity Workshop
- Supporting Residents with Cost of Living
- Community Engagement

Work in the community

This Annual Report gives an account of some of my activities. I am proud to say along with my Shaw and Crompton Liberal Democrat colleagues I have remained fiercely dedicated to representing Shaw and Crompton Ward residents and we have continued to champion them and their issues.

Listening to residents:

- I keep up to date with residents' concerns by offering regular face to face Ward Surgeries, door knocking, walkabouts and community meetings.
- I keep communication open with residents I am contactable.
- I reach out to the community and share important information on Twitter, Facebook, and my Web Site.

Some examples of my work:

- I manage a range of issues on behalf of residents such as, road repairs, housing repairs, rehousing requests, public rights of way, school applications, healthcare complaints, council bins and rubbish removal, dog waste and street litter, and grit bins.
- I work closely with our local Police, the District Partnership, Parish Council, voluntary sector, faith groups, residents, and businesses of Shaw to resolve the problem of anti-social behaviour.
- I continue to challenge the Places for All framework that is going to force building on Green Belt and our green spaces. We do need new homes but not at any price and not in the numbers suggested which will result in the appalling loss of our green spaces.
- I am a member of Greater Manchester Transport Committee. It is a constant battle to maintain key bus services for residents and to make to make our trams safer by the introduction of conductors.
- I formally object to planning applications if I believe they are inappropriate or not a benefit to residents.
- I work constructively with developers who wish to build new homes in Shaw. However, such building projects require infrastructure improvements for them to work for example, new schools, better highways, and more health provision. Achieving these provisions is an ongoing battle for myself and my colleagues.
- My colleagues and I were instrumental in achieving a new Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton. Construction starts in 2023.
- I continue to request regular vehicle speed monitoring on roads such as Buckstones Road, Crompton Way, Hillside Avenue and elsewhere.
- I work with the Highways Department and regularly request to have the potholes, blocked grids and poor footpaths resurfaced or repaired. Many of our roads urgently need repairs and resurfacing and I

My Ward priorities

- Environment
- Highways
- Education
- Health and Well-being
- Hartford Mill Site



Work in the community

- After a long wait Hartford Mill demolition has been completed. The main body of the mill has been demolished, with just the chimney breast standing. Due to some technical difficulties a slight delay has been incurred.
- Working with local residents to address the issues around the anti social behaviour & how to better utilize the open space.
- Working with local residents & businesses to address the parking issues on Primrose Bank
- **Assisted local residents with Issues ranging : Housing, Schooling, Environmental, Fly tipping, ASB**
- **Contacted local residents by telephone, email and Zoom, MS Teams due to my ongoing health issues, to tackle a range of problems.**

Funding the following projects through the cllrs budget

- Werneth Freehold Community Development Project Electricity charges for pitch lights
- EIC Food bank , UKEFF (UK Education & Faith Foundation)
- Retaining wall on Chelmsford st pocket park.
- GMSAW (Greater Manchester South Asian Women),
- Toy Library &, St Thomas School – Forest Play Area,
- Grit Bins - Newport St, St Thomas Circle -
- BASH Cricket Club,
- Healthy Ageing, Indian Association

Details of participation in groups and bodies attended as a representative of the Council;

- Full Council Meetings, Audit meetings Oldham West District Partnership, Primrose Community Centre, Chair of Charities Committee, Tudor Community Sports Group.
- Where possible face to face meetings have been held with local residents , however in most cases remote working technology was used to facilitate meetings with constituents & colleagues & council officers. Social media played an active part in updating local community of advice.

Due to my ongoing health issues I have decided to retire as an elected member of Oldham council at this years all out elections in May. My heartfelt & sincere gratitude to all residents of Werneth & Oldham for allowing me to represent the community since 2007.

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Surgeries

Due to personal health issues I am only available via my mobile phone or email. Please contact me by phone or email for any issues or problems.

Cllr Jenny Harrison – Alexandra Ward

My Ward priorities

- Improving the environment
- Supporting community groups and residents
- Improving educational outcomes



Training completed

- Safeguarding
- Corporate Parenting
- Planning
- Local Government Finance
- Licensing
- Emergency Planning
- Overview and Scrutiny
- Environmental Services
- School Governorship

Work in the community

It's a privilege to represent the people of Alexandra Ward and I keep in touch with as many as possible by door knocking, news-letters, social media, responding to residents' issues and problems and attending a wide range of community events and activities. These have ranged from joining in Christmas festivities at Roc & Rolls Community Café on Holts and Greenhill Sports and Recreation to rolling my sleeves up with local residents cleaning up the backs of Abbey Hills Road and St Michael's Church grounds and litter picking in Hathershaw.

I've helped residents with a wide range of problems and issues relating to poor housing, benefit entitlement, problem neighbours, fly tipping, anti-social behaviour, planning issues and much more.

Alexandra Ward Councillors work closely as a team. Last December, we became aware that many families were facing a bleak Christmas because of the cost-of-living crisis. With ward funding and the help of community groups, we put together and delivered food parcels to a large number of families. Massive thanks to Kaylee and the team at Roc & Rolls, Anne-Marie, Zeanna and Tanisha at Altogether, Kohinoor, Rufia and team at Greenhill Sports and Recreation Club for helping to make it happen.

Ward Budget Spend

In Alexandra Ward, we endeavour to support a wide a range of organisations and initiatives that will bring benefit to our communities. This has included funding:

- Sporting events
- Sports and activity clubs
- Festive celebrations
- HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) with REEL, Café Alt, Greenhill Sports & Recreation
- Alexandra West Community Group
- Education support
- A tool library for community clean ups
- Festive Season food parcels

LIF (Local Improvement Fund) Bids

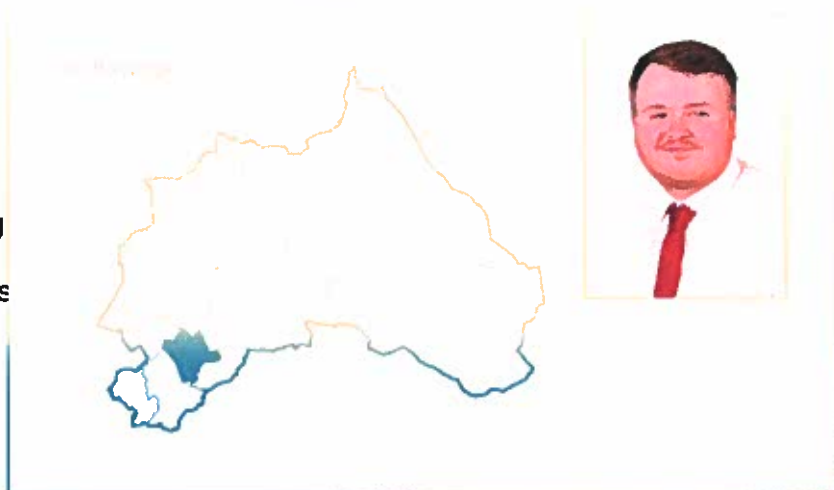
We submitted small grant LIF Bids for Alt, Holts and the Eldon Street area and have had confirmation that three of them have been successful. This is great news because it will bring in several thousands of pounds to improve the areas and hopefully increase community involvement.

We also submitted a large grant bid to resurface the MUGA on Holts and improve the site. We're excited to announce that this too has been successful. Not only will we get the grant from LIF, but because the improvement is sports related, it also attracts almost £100,000 external funding.

Cllr Kyle Phythian – Hollinwood Ward

My Ward Priorities

- Supporting local business & residents with local issues and case work that arises.
- Maintaining and continually improving the cleanliness of the ward by working with partners and residents to make sure we do our bit, including litter picks and going after the current issue with rats in the ward at source.
- Continued lobbying for funding to fix potholes & repair roads in the ward
- Representing local views on various issues and getting results for resident's casework quickly



Training completed

- Barnardo's Safeguarding Training Module 1, 2, 3, 4
- Committee – Planning Committee Mandatory Training
- Committee – Overview & Scrutiny Training
- Member Training Planning Enforcement
- Member Training Mandatory Safeguarding

Work in the community

I am very proud of the work colleagues, and I have done in the past year to support residents and businesses in Hollinwood, we are making progress in a number of areas including regenerating the ward.

I have successfully, alongside colleagues, bid for over £55,000 in funding for the ward. This will be spent on renovating and modernising Limeside Park, introducing traffic calming on Pretoria Road, and cleaning up Vicarage St – creating a safe and clean space for residents to use. If you have any further ideas, please get in touch!

Alongside this I have been observing my day-to-day duties which include answering emails, phone calls, dealing with casework and attending portfolio meetings in my role as Housing Lead for the Council. My work supporting and delivering housing projects in the borough is work I am so proud of and privileged to be a part of it.

I must now mention my friend, Jean Stretton, who sadly passed away last year, she is greatly missed and Hollinwood is worse off without her. Jean was a good friend and a fantastic mentor, she will be remembered often and in good memory.

As always – please do contact colleagues or myself if you ever need assistance with any matter. We are glad to help. Thank you.

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Surgeries

Every second Saturday at St Chad's Centre between 11am and 12pm.

My Ward priorities

- Supporting children, young people and families
- Supporting residents and community groups through the cost of living crisis
- Improving green space and cleaning up the environment



Work in the community

Since I was elected in May 2022, I have been working with residents and community groups to better the ward and invest in projects that provide demonstrable benefits to the area.

A major priority has been to support projects that benefit children and young people, such as holiday activities at Stoneleigh Park, a rolling programme of free activities with OPAG in Sholver throughout the summer, and supporting the Pennine Cascades Dance Troupe.

A particularly challenging issue has been persistent litter and fly-tipping problems, especially in Sholver. I've continued to work with the Millennium Green Trust, the Sholver and Moorside Community Centre and Sholver Travel Futures to conduct regular litter-picks, provide lightweight bin liners for the Green and liaise with FCHO to tackle litter on public walkways. A successful LIF bid for Pearly Bank Park in Sholver will clean up the wooded area, removing fly-tipping, broken glass and building debris, creating a safe and tidy space for children to play.

St James ward has beautiful green spaces but residents have rightly highlighted issues around accessibility. Two LIF bids won by St James Labour Councillors and the Millennium Green Trust will bring over £31,000 of investment to the Green, improving walkways, pathways and dropped kerbs, ensuring all residents can engage with this space. I have also supported the creation of green projects in Derker such as the Derker Community Gardens scheme, which is enabling residents to grow their own food and learn new gardening skills. Another successful LIF bid by St James Labour Councillors will see the improvement of the access path next to the Westminster Gardens in Derker. These LIF bids are fantastic news for St James Ward as it will bring further improvements to our local area and will enable residents to better engage with the vital green spaces on our doorstep. Betterment works suggested by the St James Labour Councillors have improved planting and grassed areas across the ward and I greatly enjoyed participating in a scheme to plant over 40 trees for the Queen's Green Canopy on Millennium Green in December.

Through community engagement such as door-knocking, holding street surgeries and attending community events, the St James Labour Councillors have been able to prioritise issues that are of concern to the wider community. This includes arranging and supporting community crime meetings with the Police in Sholver and Derker, as well supporting community consultations regarding housing developments and raising concerns around traffic with Highways and Planning Officers. After seeing significant demand in the community for dropped kerbs around the Sholver and Moorside Community Centre, I was able to secure 8 dropped kerbs to enable families with prams and disabled people to get to the Centre without negotiating tricky pavements.

I encourage any resident in St James ward to contact me with concerns or issues and I will do my utmost to assist.

My Ward priorities

- Listening to residents.
- Environmental Issues.
- Demanding better for Crompton.
Delivering a New Health Centre for Shaw and Crompton.
- Championing highway and footpath issues.
- Protecting Greenbelt and OPOL Land.
- Working all year round not just at Election time.
- Highway improvements which includes footpaths and safety
- Tackling Dog Fouling.



Work in the community

- Demanding better for Crompton.
- Ensuing that Oldham Council's senior executive staff are aware of some of the projects we are working on as well as bringing to their attention some of the issues when we require them.
- Working with Oldham Council staff along with working with partners such as First Choice Homes Oldham, Greater Manchester Police, Health and Social Care teams, Mio Care and Shaw and Crompton Parish Council, Thank you for all your hard work I really appreciate everything each and every one does to make sure Crompton and Oldham is a great place to live, work and enjoy 😊
- Knocking on doors all year round not just at election time and ensuring regular newsletters are delivered to every household in the ward.
- Provide regular updates on Facebook
- Worked alongside ward colleagues to bring together the "I Love Crompton" campaign, together with stickers on bins to remind residents to pick up after their dog and remember to put their own rubbish in it.
- Attended all Full Oldham Council meetings have asked questions, made observations and asked questions on minutes as well as submitted motions to influence policy and procedures.
- Attend ward surgeries, organised every week, on a rota basis with my Shaw and Crompton colleagues – this allows me to listen to residents' concerns personally, rather than them trying to put it in an email
- I am the Shadow Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, which I really enjoy as it gives me the opportunity to hold to administration to account whilst also offering other alternatives.
- I chair The Autism Way Forward Board which we discuss ways to champion the Autism Strategy and improve lives for those with Autism and SEND
- Attend the Learning Disability Partnership Board where I hold members to account and to discuss ways to champion the Learning Disability Strategy and improve lives for those with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)
- I am a member of Shaw and Crompton Parish Council which I am currently its Chair and Vice Chair of Events Promotions and Grants Committee
- As Chairman of the parish council, I am proud to support my amazing charities:
Dr Kershaw's,
Shaw and Crompton RBL branch and Pennine Mencap.

- Working with tenders for the High Crompton Park to provide a Community Café.
- Working with Council Officers to safeguard a car park in High Crompton to ensure resident continue to have free parking.
- Established and continue to support the Homewatch schemes in Crompton, I continue to work with my colleague Cllr's Williamson and Murphy we have already established and support two and will work with other areas to set up more.
- A scheme in place to protect High Crompton Post Office from ram raiders – (location junction of Thornham Road/Rochdale Road)
- Funded guard rails to ensure highway safety at High Crompton Post Office.
- Organise a regular monthly litter picking group called the "Crompton Cleanup Crew"
- Provide a regular Focus Newsletter letting residents know what local Councillors are up to which includes a free post comments section.
- Continue to attend Flooding meetings with a project in Crompton working with partners such as United Utilities, Environment Agency and Oldham Council Officers – also cross party working with colleagues in Royton North and Royton South.

Your Crompton Liberal Democrat Councilor's again would like to say a massive thanks to our NHS, Key workers, and the whole Community for continuing to do your bit during such immense pressures to deal with the backlog caused by covid.

Work still carries on for your local Liberal Democrat councilor's Louie Hamblett, Diane Williamson, and Dave Murphy.

Cost of living has become the latest challenge for many residents who have been affected and we have been happy offer advice and support be it through AV Davis applications and sign posting residents to the right places for help.

For any further support regarding cost-of-living support please contact 0161 770 7007

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Surgeries

7:30pm to 8:30pm every Thursday at Shaw Lifelong Centre.

No appointment necessary

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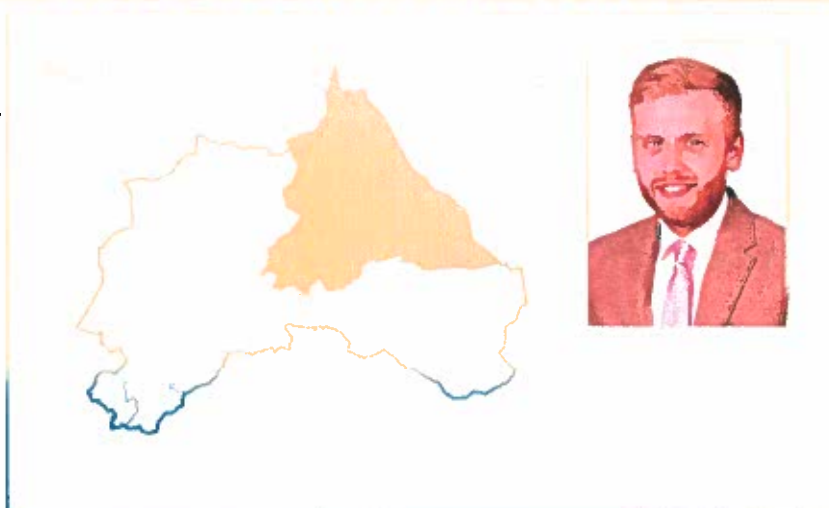
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Cllr Luke Lancaster – Saddleworth North Ward

My Ward priorities

- Campaigning to protect our precious green spaces, for improved statutory services representing good value for money, and for more effective road safety measures.
- Continuing to support customs and community life in our Civil Parish of Saddleworth.



Work in the community

Across 2022:

- I supported many local celebrations for Her Late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, including co-organising Saddleworth's beacon lighting event
- I volunteered at the Yorkshire Day Fayre, the Whit Friday band contests, the visit of the Band of the Grenadier Guards, amongst other events
- I promoted Remembrance and fundraising for our Armed Forces community, by erecting lamppost poppies across our villages, by leading on a poppy waterfall project involving young people, by volunteering with the Poppy Appeal, and by placing crosses on local Commonwealth War Graves
- I undertook hundreds of individual items of resident casework, including Planning, footpaths, social housing, Council Tax, drainage, grit, etc.
- I campaigned on improving road safety, protecting precious green spaces, justice for child sexual exploitation (CSE) victims, and against local authority waste and mismanagement, and regularly made public speeches at Council to this effect
- I assisted the Saddleworth Scouts in the attainment of a badge for UK Parliament Week
- I provided strategic direction in the introduction of a wildflower meadow in higher Springhead

Ward Budget Spend

Grit bins - Grit bins that do not meet the council's criteria. These are filled on a 'fill on request' basis.	171.69
Christmas event lighting - repairs, putting up, taking down	148.62
Support the provision of district Christmas trees	364.67
Summer/Winter planting in the district	545.60
Band Contest - funding to support this annual event	1222.22
Yorkshire Day - Support to the event	100.00
Mountain Rescue Team - Cllrs contribution to support the team	300.00
Poppy waterfall project - Resources from OPAG	171.93
Scouthead & Austerlands Comm Grp - Community AED Project	150.00
Denshaw Christmas tree and lights	150.00
Community project Springhead - Plot off Belmont project	50.00
Total spend/allocation	3374.73
Remaining	1625.27

Clr Marie Bashforth – Royton South Ward

My Ward priorities

- My primary role is to represent Royton South Ward and the people who live here
- To respond to resident's queries and investigate their concerns. **Listening to residents and then representing their views on council.**
- **Communication** with residents by telephone or email, always a top priority.
- **Surgeries** Face to face meetings with residents have been difficult over the last two years, however we are putting these back into place now and looking towards setting up surgeries again. A different location will be necessary due to the renovation work currently being carried out on Royton Town Hall.
- **Street Surgeries** - Along with face-to-face surgeries, street surgeries have always worked well and they mean we can get to speak to the residents who want to talk to and tell us their issues.
- **Royton Town Hall and Library** – Work continues on Royton Town Hall and the Library. The project is ongoing, and is progressing, which is exciting. The Town Hall will remain the Hub of the town for residents and we want the Town Hall to be accessible and usable for everyone. This will include a fit for purpose library, that everyone can use in all sorts of different ways.
- **Growth and Development of Royton Centre** - We are working with private and public sector partners to support that growth and development.
- **Building on our unique heritage** - wanting to make Royton a thriving place to live, work and socialise. We are promoting volunteering opportunities so residents can get involved in the community and do their bit.
- **Outdoor Spaces** - We also want to increase the use of our outdoor spaces; we have some lovely parks and walking trails. And these spaces provide an opportunity for residents to take control and improve their health. There are local sports and park clubs to be used, so promoting these activities is important.



Work in the community

Personal Casework directed to me from residents

Meeting with residents one to one or in larger groups and by telephone and email.

Along with this work I am also involved in;

- Supporting residents whilst work is taking place in their immediate area due to private land development to ensure all planning criteria is being followed and when this is not happening to ensure we act on their behalf to correct any breaches of the planning conditions.
- Providing a bridge between residents and the council.
- Being an advocate for local residents and signposting them to the right people at the council.
- Keeping residents informed about the issues that affect them.
- Don't Trash Oldham - attending regular Litter Picks around the area.

As much as I did come into my local political role to be here for local residents, over the years it has become clear to me that by taking on more 'council based' roles I can actually do more for our residents in the borough and in Royton. Everything I become involved in comes back to my work and life in Royton.

The roles I have taken, have involved work that is borough wide, remembering that Royton is part of the borough, and that all the subjects and areas that are covered and improved mean that the whole of the borough benefit from decisions made and improvements made to all the services involved in that role, this would include Royton and Royton residents.

My Ward priorities

- Speeding
- Crime
- Flytipping



Work in the community

I'm a councillor for everyone in Grotton, Springhead and Lees and work with my colleagues Cllrs Sam Al-Hamdani and Alicia Marland. As well as being shadow cabinet member for Employment & Enterprise, the vast majority of my time, energy and effort goes into casework directly affecting the ward I'm so happy to represent. Oldham Council is a very large organization responsible for delivering over a thousand services with a budget of about £100 million – it's my job to argue for the best outcomes for everyone in our ward, for those who come to me with specific problems or concerns and to work to try and improve services for everyone across the borough.

By the time people often contact their councillor, they've normally tried everywhere else. This sometimes means that I do my best to help people when they're facing some very hard problems including things like:

- Financial support during the cost of living crisis
- Council Tax errors and billing
- Pre school funding
- SEN provision
- Housing benefit
- The threat of eviction
- Access to health services
- Schooling

As well as being contactable by phone, email and Facebook, Sam, Alicia and I hold in person surgeries every month for those residents unable to use email/Facebook. These take place at Lees Library, Springhead Community Centre and Grotton Pavilion. I also actively go out and find casework by regularly knocking on doors throughout the ward and asking people how I can help them. As well as door knocking, my team and I keep in touch with everyone by posting regular Focus newsletters through each door several times a year.

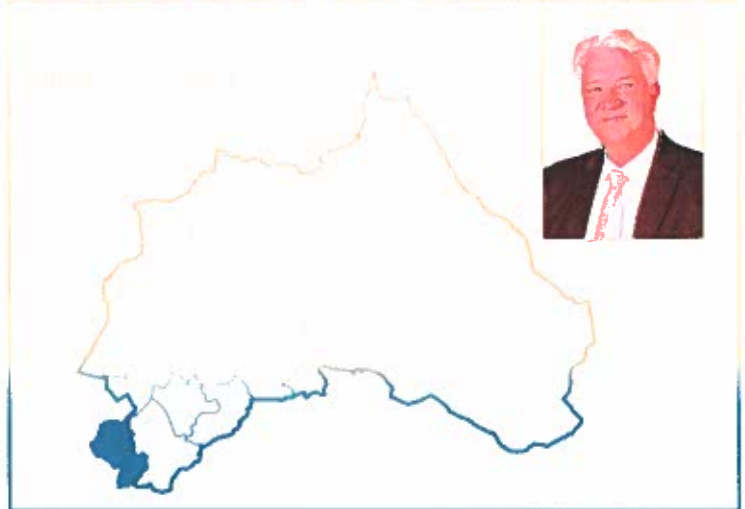
A lot of casework is focused on improving things where we all live and work and deals with things like making sure potholes are repaired, streetlights get fixed, graffiti is removed etc:

- Promoting and taking part in community litter picks with LSG Litter Heroes
- Delivered several successful grant proposals for the Oldham LIF programme on behalf of Lees Ecohub, Oldham Air Cadets 2200 Squadron Lees and Springhead Community Centre
- Speaking at Planning on behalf of the neighbours of the proposed Maltby Court development which was refused.
- Speaking at Planning on behalf of the neighbours of the proposed Stonebreaks development which was refused.
- Speaking at Planning on behalf of all residents with regards to Knowls Lane and pushing for improvements. So far these pleas have sadly fallen on deaf ears.
- Speaking behalf of Save our Valleys in the community's opposition to Russell Homes' plans to re-route a

Cllr Mark Wilkinson – Failsworth West Ward

My Ward priorities

- To be visible and approachable to all Residents.
- To improve, the area for all residents, by encouraging residents to respect outdoor spaces, including alleyways, greenspaces parks etc. Involving the community in clean ups.
- To listen to residents complaints and act upon them, to the best of my ability, in order to find the best possible resolution



Training completed

- GDPR
- Licensing
- Safeguarding
- Personal safety
- Public speaking skills

Work in the community.

- Disability equipment loan scheme
- I continue to collect Wheelchairs, strollers, Zimmer frames, crutches, bed guards, shower chairs etc, with a view to assisting residents who may need to use them free of charge. To date I have collected and re distributed over 40 Wheelchairs, let alone the various other equipment.
- I have worked on numerous cases and discovered what a diverse mixture of problems people are faced with. I gain great satisfaction in helping to resolve many of the difficulties the residents come up against. These include Housing, re housing, schooling, highways, fly tipping and more.
- I continue to work on a very complex case concerning a Company that has been acting outside their operating licence and I had received numerous complaints from residents, regarding the odour and noise levels. I have held a multi-agency meeting, in attendance with the local MP Angela Rayner.
- One of my most fulfilling roles is assisting with the Failsworth Remembrance Sunday parade. And ceremony. Each year it becomes a bigger and better event, as the community comes together to honour our deceased Military and veterans.
- I was recently honoured to accept the position of President of the newly reformed Failsworth branch of the Royal British Legion, which was unexpected but gratefully accepted.
- I have been involved in a new project at The Holy Family Church on Lord Lane. The congregation and Church Committee had taken the decision to create a Community Garden for the people of Failsworth, on a spare and unused piece of land at the back of the building. I agreed to donate £1,000 of my personal allowance to this venture, have attended operations several times and liaise with the project coordinator. This project is now completed and opens in Spring.
- I assisted with the running of the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party, held in December, which was attended by 110 residents and was a total success.
- I have assisted with The Manchester VII Scouts, Ashton Rd East, Failsworth, in fund raising and the preparation of plans for a new Two story Scout/Girl Guides building which will incorporate a new community room.
- In the last year, I have dealt with in excess of 100 emails relating to problems within the Failsworth area.

My Ward priorities

- Housing
- Tackling Health inequalities
- Environmental improvements
- Tackling Anti Social Behaviour

Training Completed

- Adult Safeguarding
- Planning and Planning enforcement
- Public speaking
- Advocacy & Casework
- Direct payments
- Procurement/Business support



100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings

Work in the community

In 2022/23, I have represented Medlock Vale and OMBC on the following:

- **South Oldham District Lead**
- **Member of Policy and Overview Scrutiny Committee**
- Member of Audit committee
- Member of GM Waste and Recycling committee
- Member of ForHousing 'Fitton Hill Community Voice'

I have supported the following organisations/groups/Services

- REEL CIC
- Fitton Hill Bulldogs
- Bardsley community and Playing Fields Assoc for remembrance Sunday
- Saheli Women's Group-Building Relationships
- Grit Bins (Gainsborough Ave, Keb Lane)
- GreenHill Community Sports and Recreation CIC
- GM South Asian Women's CIC
- Kashmir Cricket Club

Work on ward issues

- Worked with community groups, and local community members to submit 'Local Improvement Fund' bids and currently awaiting decision.
- Helped Fitton Hill Bulldogs to submit bids to Viridor and High Sherriff's fund and decision on these is imminent.
- Worked with the police to tackle Anti-social behavior
- Working with Madina Masjid in Coppice to install a streetlight and establish a youth club.
- Following residents' concerns, worked with the police to raise and fund speeding issues on Hadfield St

Cllr Mohammed Nazrul Islam - Chadderton North Ward

My Ward priorities

- Road Improvements
- Clean Streets
- Safe Environment



Work in the community

- Organized several community clean ups in the area and arranged funding security gates
- Worked with community groups to transform alleyways into growing hubs
- Successfully applied for funds for Burnley Lane to help with reduction on congestion and improve road safety
- Engaged with police to tackle anti-social behavior at Fitton Park (Burnley Lane) and Milne St to lower reported reduction in incidents and keeping wider community safer
- Collaborated with residents on improving educational opportunities and widening access to university
- Supported several community organizations, helping them grow and become self-sufficient.
- Organizing and meeting major employer and local people to encourage people to take advantage of work related opportunities helping them to grow in their career
- Held surgeries each month at Chadderton Wellbeing Centre, meeting residents to tackle a range of problems.
- Applied for funds to improve green open space to allow youth to access to safe place to play

Ward Budget Spend

- Chadderton FC Juniors – £166.58
- Sur Sangeetaloy Community Music Event – £150.00
- Chadderton Cricket Club - £250.00
- Derai Community Event - £250.00
- Community Education Engagement Event - £75.00
- Oldham SEND Point – Day trips for CYP with additional needs - £250.00

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Surgeries: Once a month

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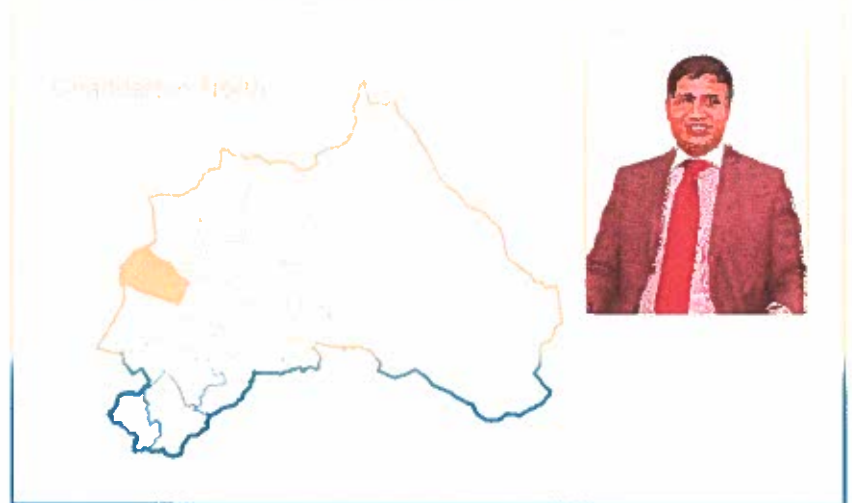
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Cllr Mohon Ali – Chadderton North Ward

My Ward priorities

- Road Improvements
- Clean Streets
- Safe Environment



Work in the community

- Engaged with residents on improving educational outcomes and widening access to university.
- Developed and supported several community organizations, helping them grow and become self-sufficient.
- Organized a meeting between a major employer and local people to encourage people to take advantage of opportunities.
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- Oldham SEND Point – Day trips for CYP with additional needs - £250.00
- International Women's Day - £42.50

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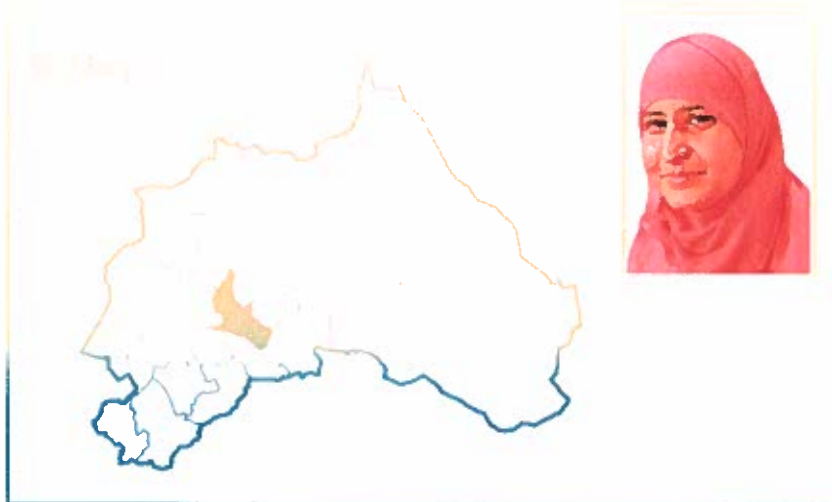
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Surgeries: Once a month

My Ward priorities

- Health & Wellbeing
- Environmental health & waste
- Traffic & Speeding Issues
- Housing
- Representing and getting results on local ward issues for residents



Work in the community

- Working with residents with ongoing speeding issues – highways work completed on Roundthorn Rd with Speed Cushions
- Part Funded a speed gun for GMP
- Successful LIF funding – Sickle Street
- Working closely with the Local Policing team in the ward – Identifying ward issues and then getting the appropriate support to help resolve the matter
- Welcoming the new homes on Southlink

Appointments, Committees and Outside Bodies

- MioCare (**chair**)
- Health & Scrutiny
- Performance & Overview (**sub**)
- Action Together Fund Advisory panel
- MAHLO – Board Member

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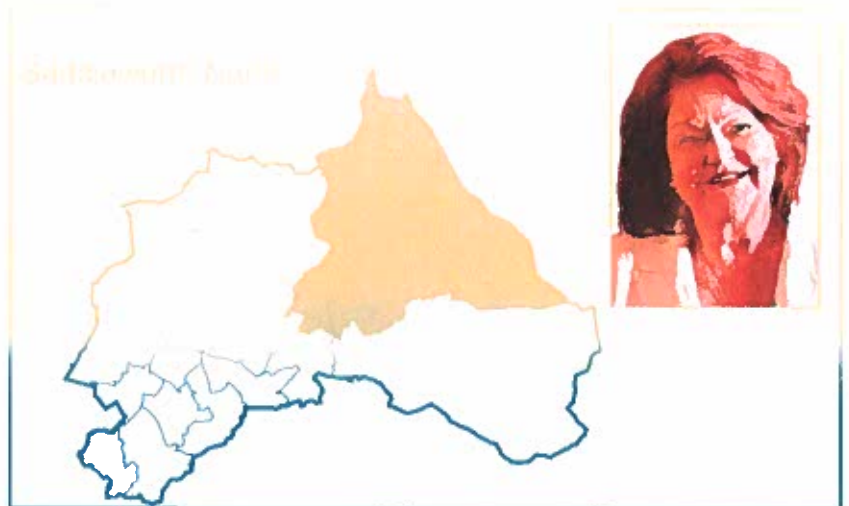
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My Ward priorities

- Reducing Speed Limits on Rural Roads
- Giving Prompt response to Residents
- Protecting the Green Belt

Training completed

- Highways Law
- Safeguarding
- Corporate Parenting
- Members Code of Conduct



Work in the community

- Liaising with residents about Local Issues
- 100% attendance at Oldham Council meetings .
- Attended training on “Safeguarding”, “Casework & Advocacy Skills” amongst other things
- Supporting Local Businesses with
- Supporting residents with Planning Application Concerns.
- Communicated with residents by telephone, email and Surgeries
- Governor of Saddleworth School
- Chairman of Saddleworth Parish Council

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Surgeries

Face to face Ward Surgeries are held at Delph Methodist Hall on Saturdays. Please contact me by phone or email for any issues or problems prior to this.

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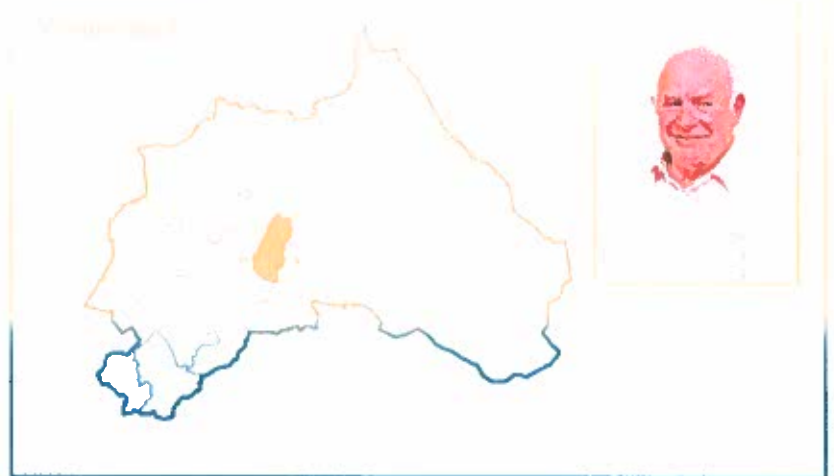
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Cllr Peter Dean – Waterhead Ward

My Ward priorities

- To help residents through the cost of living and fuel crisis
- Create a better and cleaner environment
- Improve community safety and local policing
- Create good schools and play places for children
- Support local organisation



Work in the community

- I have been able to assist in over 600 local issues this last year, some personal and many community problems. I believe in the vast majority of these I achieved a good result.
- I have worked and supported many community groups and organisation, in creating improved local spaces and buildings, for everyone to use. These include improving play equipment and exercise equipment in parks and open spaces. Providing assistance to elderly residents by the installation of public handrails.
- I have been able to lead on over 20 community initiatives over the past year.

Ward Budget Spend

I have supported the following using my Cllrs budget.

- NEON community centre improvements
- Cobden St handrail for elderly residents
- Extra Grit Bins
- Arundel St Park extension plans
- Higher Counthill footpath improvements
- Veg In the Park replacement of poly tunnel roof
- Clarksfield / Salem linear walk renovation
- Secure storage for community equipment store

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Surgeries

Face to face Ward Surgeries take place on the first Saturday of each month between 10am – 11am at either ViP Cabin – Waterhead Park, NEON Hub or St Barnabas Church Hall. Please contact me for details.

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My Ward priorities

Ward priorities are aligned with the Council priorities which are to make the ward clean, green, and a safe place for the residents.

- With COVID 19 continuing to impact communities, we have worked hard with the Council to ensure that the residents have access to good health and food provision, children's education is maintained, and the Council services respond quickly to the changed circumstances.



Training Completed

I have attended several training sessions on Finance, Audit, Safeguarding, Prevent, Environment, Planning and other similar subjects

Work in the community

This being my final Council report, I would summarise my role as a Councillor throughout my career.

- Since first getting elected in 1992, I have enjoyed this role immensely and I have worked tirelessly to make improvements in Oldham.
- I have served on most major committees, have chaired Finance, Audit, Scrutiny and Environment Committee at various times. I have been a member of Cabinet for Finance and Human Resources portfolio. As a front bench I oversaw many major developments e.g. bringing Refuse Collection in-house by getting rid of SITA and thus improving cleanliness in Oldham, clean-up of Huddersfield Canal and Rochdale Canal, building footbridges over Oldham Way and many other major initiatives.
- I became Mayor of the Borough in 2002 which was probably the most difficult time of Oldham's recent history following the civil disturbances. I worked tirelessly, involved all sections of the community and various organisations to bring peace, harmony and cohesion on the streets of Oldham.
- I have served as a governor at many schools, Freehold, Greenhill, Kaskenmoor, St Patricks R.C., Waterhead as well as Oldham College. At Freehold School and Greenhill School, I was appointed chair of the governing body when both school were put into Special Measures. Under my leadership, both schools improved immensely and came out of Special Measures. Greenhill School was judged to be one of the top ten schools in the country.
- My work was not limited to Oldham Council only as I wanted to make improvements in all walks of life. I served as a Magistrate for 27 years till Oldham Court was closed. My proudest and most notable achievement has to be my chairmanship of NHS Oldham from 2002 to 2013 which was by any means a golden period in the history of Oldham NHS. We built a number of new health centre, Failsworth, Moorside, Werneth, Glodwick and biggest and the best Integrated Care Centre next to the Civic Centre with easy access for all Oldhamers. We recruited a number of new GP's and you could see a GP on the day and time of your choice. That golden period unfortunately ended and we now live in an era where seeing a GP face to face is like winning a lottery ticket.

COUNCIL

- I chair the Performance, Overview and Scrutiny Committee which monitors council's finances, human resources, and performances. It plays a huge part in ensuring that any expenditure provides value for money, capital projects are fully justified and affordable, staff performance and attendance is of good high standard and council is meeting its targets and public expectation. It regularly calls Chief Officers and Cabinet Members to answer any areas of poor performance.
- I am also a leading member of the Audit Committee which provides a system of control over Council finances, income and expenditure, capital, and revenue. It ensures that the finances are fully safeguarded and expended in a justifiable and transparent manner.
- In addition, I am a member of Traffic Regulations Order committee.

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Clr Ros Birch – Waterhead Ward

My Ward priorities

- Appropriate, safe and affordable Housing
- Tackling anti-social behavior
- Dealing with fly-tipping and littering
- Supporting residents to deal with the Cost of Living Crisis



Work in the community

- During the municipal year 2022/23, I have dealt with resident's concerns related to housing issues. These have included overcrowding, poor upkeep by social and private landlords and anti-social behavior by neighbours.
- Another key theme has been engagement and follow-up activities from the 'Don't Trash Oldham' initiative to educate residents about how to report issues and recycling of household waste to reduce the amount of litter across the Ward. I have been involved in community litter picking activities in the Clarksfield area that has now become a regular event, organized by the Clarksfield Community Group.
- I have worked with local community groups (St Barnabus Community Centre, NEON Hub and Greenacres Community Centre) to develop Warm Hub spaces to help residents to combat the rise in energy costs. A successful Local Improvement Fund 'Fast Grant' of £3000 was secured to provide appropriate, comfortable furniture to support the Warm Hubs.

Ward Budget Spend

Grit bins that do not meet the Council criteria (4 fills)	£575.95
Veg in the Park Beekeeper	£550.00
Moorside, Sholver & Watersheddings Flower Show	£50.00
Arundel St Park Extension Plans	£833.33
ViP Halloween Half-term Activities	£66.67
Cobden St Handrail	£800.00
ViP LIF Top-up	£136.67
Spotlight Theatre Group	£200.00

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Surgeries

Face to face Ward Surgeries take place on the first Saturday of each month between 10am – 11am at either ViP Cabin – Waterhead Park, NEON Hub or St Barnabas Church Hall. Please contact me for details.

My Ward priorities

- Building quality and affordable housing
- Cutting crime and working with local police for more resources
- Supporting children's education through "poverty proofing" school's
- Working with Greater Manchester Metro Mayor to make affordable and sustainable public transport system through the Bee Network



Training Completed

- **Licensing Enforcement**
- **Safeguarding**
- **Highways Regulation**

Work in the community

- **Weekly Wednesday Ward Surgery – 10.00 to 12.00**
- **Bi – monthly meeting with PCSO's & Policing Team**
- **Crompton St and Trinity St road resurfacing**
- **Don't Trash Oldham Campaign**
- **West Vale Development for 88 new homes to be completed in December 2023**
- **Brian Clarke Academy – new secondary school under construction to be finished in April 2023**
- **Supported a number of different community groups, charities and sports clubs e.g.**
 - **Foysal Ahmed Charity Badminton Tournament 2022**
 - **Westwood Cricket Club**
 - **Northmoor Library – Ayna Arts hosting Climate Collections Festival**
- **Oldham Half Term Activities and Food Programme (HAF)**
- **Alleyway resurfacing and gate schemes to reduce flytipping**
- **Key Events – Inauguration of new King, Remembrance Day Service, International Mother Language Day**
- **Celebrating new local businesses and community groups e.g. Hustle Burger, Oldham Tigers Cricket Club**
- **Regular casework through phone, emails and visits**

Committee & Meetings

- **Chair – Licensing Committee**
- **Vice Chair – Planning Committee**
- **Central Ward District Meetings**
- **Full Council**
- **LIF Advisory Panel**
- **Policy Overview & Scrutiny: Poverty Finish & Task Force**

Ward Budget Spend

- **Cultural Arts & Performances – Sur Sangeetaloy, Derai Probashi Kollan Porishod, Westwood Cricket Club**
- **Schemes – alleyway gate schemes, better street lighting, outdoor play equipment and improved green spaces**

Cllr Sajed Hussain – Medlock Vale Ward

My Ward priorities

- Improving the environment
- Supporting community groups and residents.
- Improving educational outcomes

Training completed

- Safeguarding Refresher
- Emergency planning
- Casework and advocacy
- Highways, waste and fleet



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Work in the community

I have continued reaching out to the residents of Medlock Vale Ward through door knocking, communication through social media, attendance at community events and leafletting amongst other methods. I have been working with community groups and individual residents across the ward including Bardsley, Coppice, Fitton Hill and Hathershaw area.

I have worked closely with local the community groups around Medlock Vale, supporting the groups successfully bid for grants to support their work with local people. Community groups are inclusive of

- Salvation Army in Fitton Hill will receive £3,500 to widen their food group offer for local families. Meet, cook and eat will provide weekly cooking sessions and a bag of food helping people to learn new recipes and budgeting tips, as well as a warm place to meet.
- A women's group based at the Honeywell Community centre will also receive £3,500 to be able to extend their weekly sessions which reduce isolation, promote wellbeing and help with the cost-of-living crisis.



- The new Coppice Community Hub will receive £3,500 to set up activities for 11–18-year-olds and separately for 14–24-year-olds. The grants will pay for games and kitchen equipment and furniture to support regular sessions. The activities and sessions will be developed by the young people themselves.

I am involved in initiatives and support lots of residents, too many to put in a single report I encourage Medlock Vale Ward residents to get in touch should they wish to raise any issues or discuss anything of interest.

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Surgeries

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My Ward priorities

Road safety – prioritizing key locations for road improvements, particularly Huddersfield Road/Stamford Road, Medlock Way, Rhodes Hill, Cooper Street and Under Lane.

Fair development – prioritizing GP services, dentists and schools so that any housing developments work for the community.



Crime and fly tipping – we've introduced regular meetings with the local police team to ensure effective communication of residents' concerns, and to ensure anti-social behaviour and crime hotspots are identified and tackled by the local police. We've also introduced CCTV to effectively stop local fly-tipping, and ensure those doing it are prosecuted.

Work in the community

- Regular community activities to improve the area, including litter picking groups in Grotton, Springhead and Lees, dealing with abandoned cars, tackling invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed, clearing blocked drains, reporting potholes, ensuring broken streetlights are dealt with.
- Support for local community groups, including regular IT sessions at Lido House,
- Funding sourced for a range of community groups (together with ward colleagues), specifically, 2200 Squadron Air Training Corps, Ashes Lane Play Group,
- Support for local residents at risk of homelessness, particularly engaging with the homelessness and housing teams at Oldham Council, and getting support with bidding for houses.
- Support for residents with varying planning applications, whether that is providing information to ensure large developments are dealt with fairly, or providing assistance and information on presenting or responding to smaller applications.
- It is not possible to record all casework and community work here, in particular where there are issues around confidentiality. Some casework has been specifically excluded, and others included deliberately in summary to ensure privacy confidentiality is respected. The remainder is abridged to minimize the length of the report.

Ward Budget Spend

Grit bins – fill on request

Provision of district Christmas trees

Band contest funding

Replanting for Grotton wildflower meadow

Christmas event lighting

Summer/winter district planting

Old Mill House outdoor aquarium

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Ward surgeries

Ward surgeries are held at Lees Library Hub (midday), Springhead Community Centre (6pm) on the last Tuesday and and Grotton Pavilion (10am) on the last Saturday of the month.

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Cllr Sandra Ball - Failsworth West Ward

My Ward priorities

To continue try to make a difference to improve my Ward and to support constituents in any matters they are struggling with by advocating for them and keeping them updated on a regular basis.



Training Completed

- Code of Conduct
- Safeguarding (plus refresher)
- Audit part 1 and 2
- Audit Direct Payment
- Effective Scrutiny
- Preventing hate Through Effective Challenge
- Corporate Training
- Emergency Planning
- Highways Regulations.

Work in the community

- I have completed 75 cases/enquiries and have 21 ongoing: such as housing repairs, re-housing support, traffic issues, road markings, potholes, fly tips, graffiti, contaminated bins, water main repairs, speeding cars, ASB, school crossings, Licensing issues, street furniture repairs, identifying diseased trees, school placements, benefits advice/signposting and even informal meetings just to chat and give emotional support at stressful times. On top of these I have answered many enquiries that have come in from Messenger on Social Media.
- I was proud to assist source and install a Community Piano in a local supermarket café by arranging transportation, and then had it 'tuned up' using my own personal money from the small Councillors Allowance 'pay rise' received in May 2022.
- I run a local Facebook Litter Group and personally go out litter picking almost every week, my group currently has over 260 members, many of whom I have provided with their own litter picking equipment through local businesses donations to enable them to keep areas of Failsworth litter free.
- Plus, I coordinate a monthly clean up on the Failsworth stretch of Rochdale Canal.
- I also facilitate and take part in weekly local short walks for all ages and abilities, which helps residents meet other people thus preventing loneliness and promotes wellbeing.
- Currently on the Health Scrutiny Committee and the Audit Committee.

Ward Budget Spend

Christmas Event Lighting; 7th Manchester Scout Group for tents; Queen Elizabeth field signage; Failsworth & Beyond Womens Institute; Remembrance Sunday LED screen; Diggle Brass Band for Remembrance Sunday; St Marys Church for new window; Failsworth Wolves kit and footballs; Moston Brook Cycle Path Event; St Johns new noticeboard; Failsworth Carnival; Failsworth Guides; Plus awaiting to use the remaining balance towards a new standard for the new Failsworth Branch of the Royal British Legion.

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Surgeries:

These have been held on the last Monday of every month since July 2022 at Holy Family Church, Lord Lane - from 7pm to 8pm

My Ward priorities

- Improving the environment
- Supporting community groups and residents.
- Improving educational outcomes

Training completed

- Safeguarding Refresher
- Emergency planning
- Casework and advocacy
- Highways, waste and fleet



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Work in the community

I have continued reaching out to the residents of Alexandra Ward through door knocking, communication through social media, attendance at community events and leafletting amongst other methods. I have been working with community groups and individual residents across the ward including Holts, Alt, Hathershaw and the Abbeyhills Road area and the Glodwick area.

I've continued to work with the Alexandra West Community Group (formerly Hathershaw Community Group) to improve the area we continue to meet regularly with residents, the council and police all coming together to tackle issues collectively. Whilst challenges remain, we have seen significant improvements in the area with residents themselves commenting on the visible improvements. The work has now expanded to include more alleys covering a wider area than this time last year. I'd like to thank all the residents involved in this work and include special thanks to the group secretary Gavin Clarke for everything he does for Alexandra Ward and Oldham!

To complement the work in Alexandra West the ward councillors created a Tool Library using our ward budget. The tool library enables us to work with partners to carry out projects as identified by our residents. We have recently completed a large clean up supporting a local church who didn't have the funds to carry out the works. We engaged residents who came out in large numbers leading to a very successful clean up which included cutting back overgrown hedges, clearing of fly-tipping, litter-picking and removal of heavy building material dumped at the back of the homes and church.

Oldham Times Headline: Oldham Councillor Tours Borough as Santa before Christmas!

That's right, your very own councillor played Santa for the very first time in the ward on two consecutive days at two different events! Families had a great time visiting Santa where Santa managed to speak to and light up lots of young children and amazingly came across no children on the 'naughty list'.

Santa was joined by his two helpers ensuring a full Alexandra Ward councillor turnout on what was a very special occasion for many families! A very special Thank you to Kaylee and the team at Roc 'n' Rolls Café in Holts and Abid and the team at Oldham Greenhill Sports and Recreation Club.

Local Improvement Fund (LIF) bids

We have submitted LIF bids for Alt, Holts and the Eldon Street Estate area, we have received confirmation three of our bids were successful bringing in several thousands of pounds to help improve parts of the ward. This is fantastic news for Alexandra Ward as it enables further community involvement and further improvements to our local areas.

We are awaiting the outcome of a larger bid to resurface the multi-use games area (MUGA) in Holts which, if successful, will attract close to £100,000 of external funding to Holts (fingers crossed everyone!!!!)

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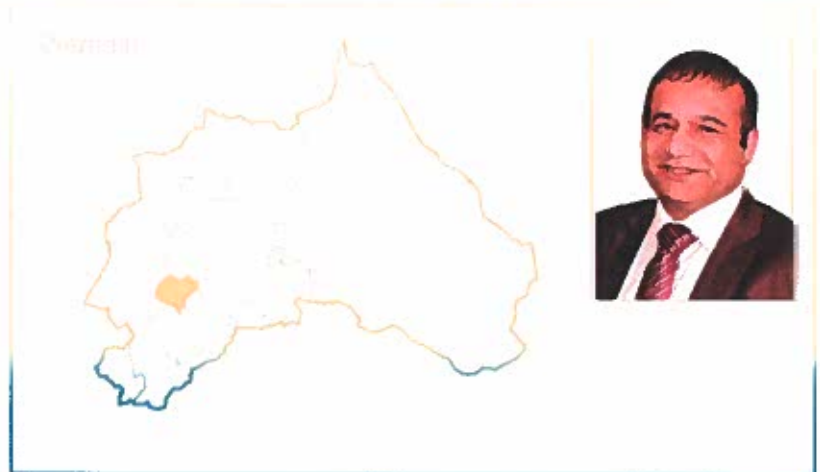
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My Ward priorities

- Environment
- Highways
- Education
- Health and Well-being
- Hartford Mill Site
- Music room in Werneth Park



Work in the community

- **Hartford Mill demolition is complete and the area is being cleared for a new development**
- **Various roads across the ward have been resurfaced**
- **Working with ASRA to address issues around phase 1 & 2 of Suthers development.**
- **Parking issues enforcement consultation being carried out with residents on Primrose Bank.**
- **Keepmoat second phase in Primrose Bank and Suthers St is completed just environmental work needs to be completed.**
- **Don't Trash Oldham campaign successfully carried out in Werneth and now enforcement action to be taken on key hotspot areas .**
- **Werneth Park MUGA, a £35,000 grant from the Council's Local Improvement Fund has been obtained hopefully this grant will lever in £105,000 from the Football Foundation funding for Playzones to make a real impact on sports provision for Werneth.**
- **Tudor St pitch surface replacement funding bid to Football foundation will be submitted, however Council contribution is confirmed**

Funded the following projects through the Councillor's budget.

- Children's Celebration Appeal
- Coppice United
- Grit Bins - Newport St, St Thomas Circle
- Glodwick Dynamos FC
- GM South Asian Women Support
- Retaining Wall Chelmsford Street
- Werneth Cricket Club fencing
- Street Play Sessions

Participation on outside bodies and partnerships

Details of participation in groups and bodies attended as a representative of the Council.

- Board member of Sixth Form College
- Director of Oldham Enterprise Trust
- West District Partnership
- Primrose Community Centre

Achievements as Cabinet Member for Employment and Enterprise

- Created two ambassador roles – Frank Rothwell – Business Ambassador and Anwar Ali - Social Enterprise Ambassador
- Hosted Business Breakfasts with Ambassador for Business, Frank Rothwell. Each with over 100 businesses in attendance at each event.
- Launched the District Business Networks. To date 2 events have taken place in Chadderton and Royton with another one planned for South Oldham

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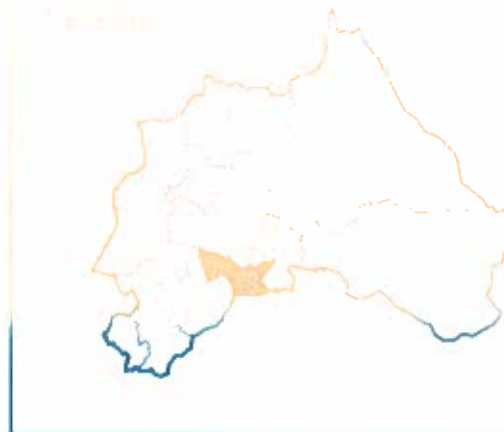
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Cllr Zahid Chauhan – Alexandra Ward

My Ward priorities

- Tackling health inequalities
- Campaigning for vulnerable groups
- Anti-social behavior



Work in the community

I have worked hard to represent the residents of Alexandra Ward since election in 2013. I regularly speak and campaign on local and national media on behalf of the residents of Alexandra Ward.

My ward colleagues and I are working towards a cooperative borough, implementing the key labour administration visions in Oldham and our ward.

Working cooperatively with residents I have helped with a variety of issues – fly tipping, anti-social behavior, alley gating, traffic measures on high risk roads and missed bin collections.

Please do contact me with any problems or council related issues. You can also read more about my work and campaigning on my website.

Ward Budget Spend

As your local ward councillors, we fund a variety of local community groups. If you are interested then please do not hesitate to contact Shaid, Jenny or I. My contact details are below.

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