

***PLACE, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY  
BOARD***

***Supplementary Agenda***

Date Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Time 6.00 pm

Venue Lees Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL

Notes 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact Alex Bougatef or Peter Thompson at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLACE, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND  
ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY BOARD  
Councillors Aslam, Ghafoor, Harkness, J. Hussain (Chair), Kouser, Malik,  
McLaren (Vice-Chair), Rustidge, Sharp, Wilkinson and Williamson

Item No

5 Minutes (Pages 3 - 6)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 are attached for approval.

14 Work Programme (Pages 7 - 10)

Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board Work Programme for 2025-26

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**Present:** Councillor J. Hussain (Chair)  
Councillors Ghafoor, Kouser, Malik, McLaren (Vice-Chair),  
Murphy, Quigg (Substitute), Shuttleworth, Wilkinson and  
Williamson

Also in Attendance:

Emma Barton	Deputy Chief Executive (Place)
Alex Glenny	Performance Improvement Advisor
Jack Grennan	Constitutional Services
Steve Hughes	Assistant Director of Strategy and Resources
Andrew Hunt	Strategy Partnerships and Policy Manager
Kaidy McCann	Constitutional Services

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Moores  
and Sharp.

**2 URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

**5 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup>  
January 2025 be approved as a correct record.

**6 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2024/25**

The Scrutiny Board considered a report of the Assistant Director  
of Strategy and Resources which provided an overview of  
corporate performance against agreed service business plan  
measures for the 2024/25 Q3 period (1<sup>st</sup> October- 31<sup>st</sup>  
December 2024).

The report provided scrutiny of corporate performance and  
aimed to provide assurance that:

- a. Services were aligned to corporate priorities the needs of our  
residents (resident focus)
- b. That the Council's services were good or were on track to be  
good.

- c. That any services which were not on track, or had identified risks, were being supported or challenged to rectify this.
- d. That any demand indicators or resource pressures were being noted and service provision was being re-assessed accordingly.
- e. That the Council had robust performance management processes in place.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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## **OLDHAM GREEN NEW DEAL UPDATE**

The Scrutiny Board received a report which provided an update on the Oldham Green New Deal delivery programme and in particular the Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership initiative – only the third local authority initiative of its type in the UK and the first to combine a Strategic Energy Partnership approach with the delivery of a heat network zone and Community Led Energy Planning.

The report gave an update on the following Green New Deal activities:-

- Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership
  - Procurement of Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partner
  - Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Group
  - Anchor project: Oldham Low Carbon Heat Network and Heat Network Zone
  - Potential Council-led pipeline projects
  - Expansion of Community Led Energy Planning approach and design of Community Partnership
  - Oldham Economic Vision Outcomes Framework and draft Oldham Green New Deal Council spend analysis
- Wrigley Head Solar Farm
- Net Zero Spindles
- Area-Based Housing Retrofit scheme for the Able to Pay sector
- Training for Council staff

**RESOLVED** that the progress and Oldham's leading position both regionally and nationally be noted.

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## **CREATING A BETTER PLACE UPDATE**

The Scrutiny Board received a report which provided a bi-annual update on the Creating a Better Place Programme. Cabinet approval was first obtained in January 2020 for the Council's '*Creating a Better Place (CaBP)*' strategic framework and capital regeneration programme. Regular updates had been provided to the Place Scrutiny Committee for monitoring and oversight.

The programme remained on track to deliver new homes, create jobs and delivers against our Green New Deal commitments that ensured Oldham was a great place to live, work and visit with lots of family friendly and accessible places to go. The report provided Place Scrutiny with an update on the strategic progress

of the Creating a Better Place regeneration programme, including external funding opportunities secured, benefits realised, and the associated Social Value generated to Build a Better Place.

The Scrutiny board were advised that a walking tour would be held for Members to visit the sites in the regeneration programme in June 2025.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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## **GRANT ACCEPTANCE: COMMUNITY REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP**

The Scrutiny Board received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) which sought approval for the acceptance of £20,100,000 (twenty million, one hundred thousand pounds) from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on behalf of national government following receipt of grant notification on 21 February 2025.

Members recalled announcements about Oldham being included in the Levelling Up Partnership on behalf of national government. The notification had also confirmed that the programme had changed its name to the Oldham Community Regeneration Partnership. Within MHCLG, a sub-team called the Communities Delivery Unit (CDU) had led the work which began in April 2024, and included community engagement and, data insight and assessments to assess the “need” for Levelling Up Oldham. The CDU had undertaken further scoping work, desk-based research, literature reviews and work with analysts to develop an evidence base on the opportunities and challenges for Oldham.

Due to the timing of the General Election, the programme was paused from June to November 2025; however, all the work then resumed and informed a cross-government process to develop a long-list of policy options and interventions, as set out in this report. The finalised selection of projects / list of interventions was developed and confirmed by the CDU in February 2025, following ministerial sign off and approval, the detail of which were set out in the report.

The Scrutiny Board were advised that on acceptance of the grant, the Council and the MHCLG would form the Oldham Community Regeneration Partnership, and after reviewing the identified programme, the proposals were fully aligned with the Oldham Plan and Creating a Better Place framework to create jobs, build homes, and enhance buildings and communities across the borough.

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations as contained in the report be agreed.

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## **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Scrutiny Board considered its Work Programme for 2024/25.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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**KEY DECISION DOCUMENT**

The Scrutiny Panel gave consideration to the Key Decision Document which outlined key decisions that the Cabinet were due to take at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and at future meetings.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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**RULE 13 AND 14**

The Chair advised that there was nothing to report in relation to this agenda item.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 8.07 pm

# PLACE SCRUTINY BOARD

## WORK PROGRAMME 2025/2026

Agenda item	Purpose	Portfolio lead & officer lead	Method of scrutiny	Additional information
<b>Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>				
Call In – Complying with the Biodiversity Duty - Our Policies and Objectives for Thriving Wildlife in Oldham	<i>Members have called in the Cabinet decision for review and consideration</i>	<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>
Local Authority Housing Fund Cabinet Paper		<i>Cllr Shah and Peter Richards</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>
Housing Delivery Interim Planning Position Paper Cabinet Paper		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>
Housing Delivery Test Action Plan 2025 Cabinet Paper		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>
Oldham Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) Strategy and Action Plan Cabinet Paper		<i>Cllr Goodwin and Peter Richards</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>
Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy Cabinet Paper		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>
Corporate Performance Report 2024/25 Q4		<i>Cllr Shah and Steve Hughes</i>		
<b>Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>				
Temporary Accommodation update and Cabinet Paper		<i>Cllr Shah and Neil Consterdine</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>

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Corporate Performance Report – Performance Management Development Sessions				
Greater Manchester Joint Waste and Minerals Plan		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>		<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration. Report due to go to Council 16 July and Cabinet 21 July, Recommendation included granting delegated authority to portfolio lead to take the final decision having considered any comments made by the Scrutiny Board.</i>
Open Space Interim Planning Position Paper		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>		<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration. Report due to go to Council 16 July and Cabinet 21 July, Recommendation included granting delegated authority to portfolio lead to take the final decision having considered any comments made by the Scrutiny Board.</i>
<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025</b>				
Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>		<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration. Report due to go to Cabinet 22 September therefore will need to include recommendation granting delegated authority to portfolio lead to take the final decision having considered any comments made by the Scrutiny Board.</i>
District working update	Provide members with update and overview of the service, post restructure – outlining refreshed operating model and key deliverables	Elaine Taylor and Jodie Barber	Presentation with Questions and comments for consideration	
Corporate Performance Report 2025/26 Q1				



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<b>Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>				
Highways & Winter Maintenance	Overview of Highways service delivery, routine maintenance and winter highway maintenance preparations	Cllr C Goodwin & Nasir Dad	Presentation & Questions	
Food Safety & Standards	Update on statutory Food Safety & Standards Delivery Programme	Cllr E Taylor & Nasir Dad	Presentation & Questions	Food Safety Plan 25/26
Bereavement Services	Update on service delivery, expanding capacity, future planning & out of hours service	Cllr E Taylor & Nasir Dad	Presentation & Questions	
Corporate Performance Report 2025/26 Q2				
<b>w/c 8 December 2025 – Special Scrutiny Board to be arranged</b>				
Oldham Local Plan – Publication Plan		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>		
Strategic Planning Monitoring Reports	<i>Opportunity to consider annual monitoring reports prepared by Strategic Planning – Oldham Monitoring Report, Infrastructure Funding Statement, Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, and Brownfield Land Register.</i>	<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>		<i>15 December 2025 Cabinet Papers for Scrutiny consideration.</i>
Complying with the Biodiversity Duty – Our Policies and Objectives for Thriving Wildlife in Oldham Progress Report		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>		<i>15 December 2025 Cabinet Papers for Scrutiny consideration. First progress report against Complying with the Biodiversity Duty – Our Policies and Objectives for Thriving Wildlife in Oldham must be published by 1 January 2026.</i>
<b>Thursday, 22nd January 2026</b>				
Annual Report – Emergency Planning			Cllr Hussain and Nasir Dad	
Annual Report – Community Safety			Cllr Hussain and Lorraine Kenny	

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Annual Report – Health and Safety			Cllr Hussain and Neil Crabtree	
<b>Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>				
Annual Report – CaBP			Cllr Shah and Chris Lewis	
Annual Report – GND			Cllr Jabbar and Andy Hunt	
Corporate Performance Report 2025/26 Q3				

Task and finish group deep dives:

Deep dive area:	Expanded proposal:
Housing Delivery – Development	
Housing Allocations (policy review)	
Housing Standards - Enforcement and Selective Licensing	
HMOs	September – specialist meeting