## **Oldham Borough Council**



# Council Meeting Wednesday 17 September 2025 Agenda Item 14

#### **OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

To: ALL MEMBERS OF OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL, Supplementary agenda: Introduction of Article 4 Direction for Houses of Multiple Occupation

- 14. Introduction of Article 4 Direction for Houses of Multiple Occupation
- a. corrections to submitted report
- b. proposed Amendment to report (to be moved and seconded by Councilors Al-Hamdani and Kenyon)

**Shelley Kipling Chief Executive** 

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## **Introduction of Article 4 Direction for Houses of Multiple Occupation**

Corrections to the submitted report:

Under the Executive Summary (4th para):

Informed by the evidence presented in this report the preferred option (as recommended) is to introduce a Non-Immediate Article 4 Direction on Houses of Multiple Occupation that will be implemented borough-wide. If this is agreed by Cabinet, a period of consultation from 29 September to 9 November 2025 for 6 weeks will take place, after which the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods will the consultation feedback will be brought back to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity to then consider whether to confirm the Direction and bring it into effect on 1 January 2026, having considered all consultation comments received.

Under section 2 (para 2.25):

The Cabinet report will also recommend that delegated authority is granted to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods to Cabinet will then consider the outcome of the consultation and thereafter to determine if the Article 4 Direction should be confirmed and come into effect (see below).

Under section 5 (para 5.1):

A period of consultation, commencing 29 September to 9 November 2025 for 6 weeks is proposed. Following this the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods will then consider whether to confirm the Direction and bring it into effect on 1 January 2026, having considered all consultation comments received.

**Peter Richards** 

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### Introduction of Article 4 Direction for Houses of Multiple Occupation

Amendment to Agenda Item 14:

#### To be Moved by Councillor Al-Hamdani To be Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

Page 163 of the green book, page 11 of the report, section 5.1 currently reads "A period of consultation commencing 29 September to 9 November 2025 for 6 weeks is proposed. Following this the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods will then consider whether to confirm the Direction and bring it into effect on 1 January 2026, having considered all consultation comments received"

#### Our amendment to read:

"A period of consultation commencing 29 September to 9 November 2025 for 6 weeks is proposed. Following this Full Council will then consider the consultation responses and then request that Cabinet do confirm the Direction and bring it into effect on 1 January 2026, having considered all consultation comments received" It would be correct this matter be a matter of special urgency and the chair of the Place Scrutiny board should agree that this Cabinet decision be exempt from the call in process so that the 1 January 2026 timeline remains".

