

Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting
Wednesday 10 December 2025
Supplement: Item 17**

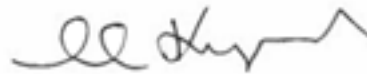
OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

**To: ALL MEMBERS OF OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL,
J. R. CLYNES BUILDING, CULTURAL QUARTER, GREAVES STREET,
OLDHAM, OL 1 1AL**

Supplementary Agenda

17 Update on Actions from Council (Pages 1 - 18)

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

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**Shelley Kipling
Chief Executive**



Report to COUNCIL

Update on Actions from Council

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10th December 2025

Reason for Decision

The decision is for Members to note the updates on actions from the Council meetings held on 17th September 2025 and 10th November 2025 and any updated responses from meetings earlier in this municipal year.

Executive Summary

This report provides information to the Council on actions taken at the most recent Council meetings.

Recommendations

Council is asked to: Note the report.

Update on Actions from Council**1 Background**

- 1.1 This report sets out the actions that officers have taken on motions approved at the Council meetings on 17th September 2025 and on 12th November 2025 and which also informs Members on any updated responses to motions approved at previous meetings in this municipal year.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 The current position on actions is set out in the table at Appendix 1.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 N/A

4 Preferred Option

- 4.1 N/A

5 Consultation

- 5.1 N/A

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 N/A

7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 N/A

8 Equality Impact, including Implications for Children and Young People

- 8.1 N/A

9 Key Decision

- 9.1 No

10 Key Decision Reference

- 10.1 N/A

11 Background Papers

- 11.1 The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act

1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act:

- The agenda and minutes of the Council meetings are available online at: <http://committees.oldham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails>

12 **Appendices**

12.1 Appendix 1 – Current Position

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Actions from the Council meeting on 16 July 2025

Council Agenda item	Action/Issue	Responsible Member/Officer	Update	Completed ✓ In progress ●
Motion 2: Investing in Coldhurst:	Request that officers prepare a report for Place Scrutiny Committee at the earliest opportunity, which will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assess the current physical condition, legal arrangements, and ownership or lease status of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ West End Street pitch (Coldhurst) 	Nasir Dad	Report scheduled to Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board	●
Motion 3: A revision of the 'Don't Trash Oldham' Policy with regards to Gully Clearing	This Motion asks for a revision of the 'Don't Trash Oldham' Policy with regards to Gully Clearing Gully cleaning and Don't Trash Oldham Policy. Councillor Goodwin to provide information to Councillors Byrne and Hamblett	Nasir Dad	Information provided to Councillor Byrne two active vehicles - one is our permanent vehicle, one is leased. It is our intention to maintain a minimum of two vehicles at any time given the demand for gulley cleaning across the borough: these services, both the planned maintenance (rolling programme to clean/clear every gulley (48,000) across the borough; and, reactive maintenance when there are localised issues which need immediate attention (for example - when gullies get blocked during periods of heavy rain causing	●

			<p>localised flooding or highway safety issues).</p> <p>To date, 18,000 gulleys have been treated – a number of those treated need to be revisited due to more substantial works being needed (significant blockage / collapse or blocked by parked car on the day we did the work in the area). This will take place once the current wards have been completed and 1 wagon will begin to address blockages/repairs and those that were inaccessible. HM has asked for timescales for this.</p> <p>Nasir Dad has offered to visit site regarding the culvert matter, as this is the responsibility of the land owner where the culvert is located, and may potentially have multiple owners.</p> <p>Councillor Goodwin in September Council, in response to a question from a member committed to bringing this back to a future council meeting.</p>	
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Actions from the Council meeting on 17 September 2025

Council Agenda item	Action/Issue	Responsible Member/Officer	Update	Completed ✓ In progress ●
Motion 1: Recognising Palestine and the famine in Gaza	<p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and support the UK Government's commitment to recognise the State of Palestine as part of a renewed peace process. Given that the Israeli Government hasn't complied with the steps outlined by the UK Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary in July this Council reaffirms that now is the time for recognition of Palestinian statehood. 2. Endorse the joint statement of 21st July 2025 and the UK's position at the UN Security Council as expressions of moral leadership and international solidarity. 3. Urge the UK Government to accelerate and expand humanitarian assistance to Gaza, including through further diplomatic pressure for a ceasefire and unrestricted aid access. 4. Call on the international community to intensify efforts to end the famine and support long-term recovery and governance in Gaza 5. Write to the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary, and local MPs expressing this Council's support for recognition of a Palestinian state and humanitarian action. 	5. Chief Executive	Letters sent, awaiting replies	●

<p>Motion 2: Setting out our ambition to become a 'Defibrillator Friendly' Borough</p>	<p>1. This Council resolves to work in collaboration with Defibrillators Save Lives to:</p> <p>a. Map and monitor all public-access defibrillators across the borough. b. Ensure offline devices are repaired, restored or replaced and brought back into service. c. Establish a routine checking and reporting system using The Circuit, d. Provide education and awareness so that residents not only know where defibrillators are but also how to use them with confidence, similar to the hugely success Defib Day they ran in The Spindles 9th August. 2.</p> <p>This Council further resolves, to firmly state our ambition for Oldham to become the first 'Defibrillator Friendly' Borough in the England.</p>	<p>Mike Barker</p>	<p>The Deputy Chief Executive (Health and Care) has requested to meet with Defibrillators Saves Lives to progress the actions of the Council</p>	
<p>Motion 1: Provision of Free School Travel for all Children in Temporary Accommodation</p>	<p>This Council resolves:</p> <p>1. To request the Cabinet to bring forward, within 12 weeks, a report setting out options to improve access to school for children in TA, including (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The feasibility of extending free school travel (bus pass and/or taxi) to children in TA irrespective of mileage thresholds; o Eligibility definitions based on verified TA status (including placements within and across GM); o Delivery models (bus passes, pre-approved taxi contracts, or hybrid), with clear safeguarding standards; 	<p>Neil Consterdine</p>	<p>Work is ongoing between staff from housing and education services to develop a strategy that reflects the motion that the Council approved. In the meantime, support is available to families that are identified as being in need.</p>	

	<p>o Legal, financial and equality implications (including Section 149 Equality Act assessment);</p> <p>o Funding options (e.g. Homelessness Prevention funding, partnership with TfGM and operators, and targeted charitable/hardship support);</p> <p>o An implementation timetable (including scope for a time-limited pilot).</p> <p>2. That no decision to implement any new concession is taken until Cabinet (or Council where required) has considered the report and identified funding in line with the Financial Procedure Rules and the agreed budget/MTFP (or approved virement/other lawful funding mechanism).</p> <p>3. Subject to such approval and funding being identified, to proceed to implement the preferred option, ensuring alignment with existing SEND/EHC travel assistance so support is continuous where already in place.</p> <p>4. That Council adopts this amended motion and refers it to Cabinet for the options report and subsequent decision in line with budgetary and constitutional requirements.</p>			
Motion 2: Oldham Borough deserves a state-of-the-art police station which must	<p>Therefore, the Council resolves:</p> <p>1. That Council formally notes its position that a new Police Station in Oldham should include appropriate custody provision.</p> <p>2. That Council sets a target to agree a location for a new police station in Oldham within the next six months. If a location is not agreed</p>	Neil Consterdine	Officers working with GMP to action recommendations detailed in the Motion	●

include a custody suite	within that timescale, that a report be submitted to the appropriate Scrutiny Board of the Council, detailing: a. The requirements for any location for a new police station. b. Any sites which have been discussed and the reasons why they have not been deemed suitable. c. How the Council proposes to identify and bring forward future sites that meet the requirements for a police station in Oldham.			
Houses of Multiple Occupation	RESOLVED 1. Council notes that a report was presented to Cabinet on 22nd September 2025, outlining recommendations for the introduction of an Article 4 Direction on Houses of Multiple Occupation. 2. Council agrees that a “period of consultation commencing 29th September to 9th November 2025 for 6 weeks, following which, after consideration of the consultation responses, request that Cabinet do confirm the Direction and bring it into effect on 1st January 2026, having considered all consultation comments received” It would be correct this matter be considered as a matter of special urgency and that the Chair of the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board, be requested to agree that this Cabinet decision be exempt from the call in process, so that the 1st January 2026 timeline remains.	Emma Barton & Neil Consterdine	On the agenda for December Full Council	✓
Oldham Youth Justice Service Strategic Plan 2025/2026	That the Oldham Youth Justice Service Strategic Plan 2025/26, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved	Julie Daniels	No further actions required.	✓

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places	<p>1. That the submissions made to the Council in respect of the review of polling districts and polling places, be noted.</p> <p>2. That the polling districts and polling places as set out in the scheme contained in Appendices 1a and 1b, to the submitted report and in the maps found in Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be approved and adopted.</p> <p>3. That the scheme contained in Appendices 1a and 1b, to the submitted report, be approved and adopted in relation to both Parliamentary and Local Government Elections.</p> <p>4. That the Council requests that the Electoral Registration Officer makes the necessary amendments to polling districts for the 1st December 2025 electoral register.</p> <p>5. That authority continues to be delegated to the Chief Executive to make, where necessary, alterations to the designation of any polling place prior to the next full review, in consultation with ward councillors and political group leaders.</p>	Jenna Madeley and Heather Moore	Outcome of public consultation has been published. Scheme as outlined in the report has been submitted.	✓
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Actions from the Council meeting on 12 November 2025

Council Agenda item	Action/Issue	Responsible Member/Officer	Update	Completed ✓ In progress ●
Electronic Voting	That the Council's Constitution be updated to include the changes set out in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 of the submitted report.	Heather Moore	Constitution updated	✓
Notice of Administration Business – Motion 1: Improving Parking Provisions at ROH	1. Request that Oldham Council works collaboratively with the Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust (NCA) and relevant partners to explore options for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Developing a multi-storey or expanded car park at or near Royal Oldham Hospital; b. Introducing fair and affordable parking arrangements for patients attending A&E, those with regular appointments, and NHS staff; c. Creating dedicated parking directly opposite the A&E department for patients attending A&E only; d. Improving access and facilities for wheelchair users and those with mobility needs. 	Mike Barker	The Deputy Chief Executive (Health and Care) has requested to meet with Defibrillators Saves Lives to progress the actions of the Council	●
	2. Write to the Chief Executive of the NCA and the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board (ICB) expressing this Council's support for urgent improvements to parking provision at Royal Oldham Hospital.	Chief Executive	Letters sent	●
	3. Request that Oldham's Members of Parliament lobby the national government and publicly support a campaign for better	Chief Executive	Letters sent to Oldham's MP's	●

	parking provision for Oldham residents attending Royal Oldham Hospital.			
Notice of Administration Business – Motion 2: Strengthening Standards and Transparency for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)	<p>1. To review and strengthen local HMO Standards by:</p> <p>a. Undertake a comprehensive review of current HMO licensing and amenity standards within the borough.</p> <p>b. Introduce enhanced minimum requirements for space, fire safety, sanitation, and kitchen facilities, drawing on best practices from other councils.</p> <p>c. Ensure that all licensed HMOs are subject to regular inspections and compliance checks.</p> <p>2. To Improve Transparency and Accessibility for Complaints by:</p> <p>a. Developing a clear, accessible online portal for residents to report concerns or complaints about HMOs.</p> <p>b. Publishing quarterly data on HMO complaints, enforcement actions, and outcomes to improve public accountability.</p> <p>3. To Enhance Resident Engagement and Support, by launching a public awareness campaign informing residents of their rights and how to report unsafe or poorly managed HMOs.</p>	Nasir Dad	Officers to review and to implement revised standards in accordance with the approved Motion	●
Notice of Opposition Business: Motion 1: Tackling the Anti-Social Use of Off-Road Motorbikes, E-	1. Write to the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police Sir Stephen Watson QPM thanking him, the Officers and staff of GMP and the National Police Air Service (NPAS) for their continued hard work and dedication in tackling the anti-social use of these vehicles and ask him to ensure that this remains a priority for Greater Manchester Police.	<p>1. & 2. Chief Executive</p> <p>3.& 4. Mike Barker & Nasir Dad</p>	Letters sent, awaiting replies	●

Bikes and E-Scooters	<p>2. To write to the Home Office and ask for further dedicated funding for GMP to use in tackling the anti-social use of off-road motorbikes, electric bikes and electric scooters.</p> <p>3. To use Oldham Council's Media team and ask them to carry out a campaign educating the public into the legalities of these vehicles and encouraging residents to help build up an intelligence-led picture so that GMP can carry out targeted operations by reporting instances and homes suspected of housing anti-social users which can be done anonymously.</p> <p>4. Ask housing providers such as First Choice Homes, Great Places, Guinness Partnership to work with Oldham Council's media team and develop and plan of education and intelligence to support GMP in operations to tackle the anti-social use of off-road motorbike, e-scooters, and e-bikes.</p>		Officers liaising with Oldham's housing providers to increase awareness of the dangers associated with the anti-social use of off-road motorbike, e-scooters, and e-bikes.	
Notice of Opposition Business: Motion 2: Fair Access and Funding for non-invasive autopsy	<p>Agreement with Rochdale and Bury</p> <p>1. That Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (OMBC) continues on the path it is already on and formally agrees to the joint procurement and delivery of the Digital Post-Mortem Services, contributing a proportion of the total cost (based on population, and requests that Bury Metropolitan Borough Council likewise confirm its participation, ensuring consistent</p>	Alex Bougatef	The Coroner's office is aware that there is clear Council support for the rollout and delivery of the Digital Postmortem Service. Rochdale started the commissioning process sometime ago, the Council will be provided details of the successful provider and the Cost and this will be approved by cabinet.	●

	<p>funding and governance across the Greater Manchester North Coroner's Service.</p> <p>2. Free at Point of Need That when the service goes live in 2026 all non-invasive (digital) post-mortems authorised by the Greater Manchester North Coroner for Oldham residents be funded through the coronial service budget, and that no bereaved family will be charged directly.</p> <p>3. Inter-Authority Funding Agreement That the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer cannot instruct the Coroner's Office to pay for private scans carried out before the joint facility becomes operational in 2026.</p> <p>4. Financial Compliance That any implementation of this policy be carried out within approved budget allocations for the coronial service allocations to the coronial service, and subject to the approval of the Section 151 Officer under the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.</p> <p>5. Public Awareness and Faith Engagement That the Council continues to work with local faith leaders, funeral directors, and NHS Bereavement Services to publicise the availability of non-invasive post-mortems and to support families requiring rapid burial.</p> <p>6. Scrutiny and Reporting To note that the coroner's office is a statutory service</p>		<p>2. When the service is commissioned, any required non-invasive post-mortems will be included in the budget. Council are waiting for further details from the coroner.</p> <p>3. Correct.</p> <p>4 This will be done</p> <p>5 All relevant organisations will be informed when the service goes live in 2026.</p>	
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	outside of the Council's control, but asks that the relevant Scrutiny Board consider inviting the Coroner to provide an update which may cover: o the number of non-invasive vs invasive post-mortems. o turnaround times. o cost implications; and o family satisfaction feedback.			
Members Allowance Scheme	The Council is requested to determine a Scheme for Members' Allowances following consideration of a report of an Independent Remuneration Panel convened in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.	Fiona Greenway & Heather Moore	Allowance scheme will be published as per the regulations.	✓
Review of political balance	1. That the revised composition of the political groups as shown in paragraph 1.1, of the submitted report, be noted. 2. That the number of seats on the various Committees for the remainder of the 2025/26 Municipal Year be as detailed in paragraph 1.5, of the submitted report, be noted. 3. That any outstanding appointments to be delegated to the Chief Executive in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group	Heather Moore	Website updated and committee meetings amended	✓
Independent Member of the audit committee	Council is requested to appoint a second Independent Member of the Audit Committee.	Heather Moore	Onboarding for second independent member taking place.	✓
Leading Oldham Partnerships	To consider the Leading Oldham Partnership Impact Report for 2024/25.	Nasir Dad	No actions required.	✓
Oldham Children, young people, and	Request approval of the Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2025/26	Julie Daniels and Sheila Garara	No further actions required.	✓

Families plan 2025/26				
Oldham Council Corporate Plan Annual Report	To consider Oldham Council's Annual report – 2024/25	Steve Hughes, and Jonathan Downs	No further actions required.	✓

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