

Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council



**Council Meeting
Wednesday 16 September 2026**

OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**To: ALL MEMBERS OF OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL,
JR CLYNES BUILDING, GREAVES STREET, OLDHAM, OL1 1AL
Tuesday, 8 September 2026**

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 16 September 2026 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, JR Clynes Building, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1AL, for the following purposes:

12 Interim Governance Report (Pages 1 - 44)

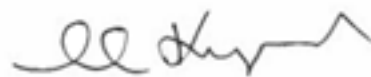
15 Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (Pages 45 - 54)

To consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel, and its recommendations, as set out in Appendix 1, and adopts the interim scheme as set out in Appendix 1, for the remainder of municipal year 2026/27, or until a Council Leader is appointed, effective from 17 September 2026.

19 Update on Actions from Council (Pages 55 - 64)

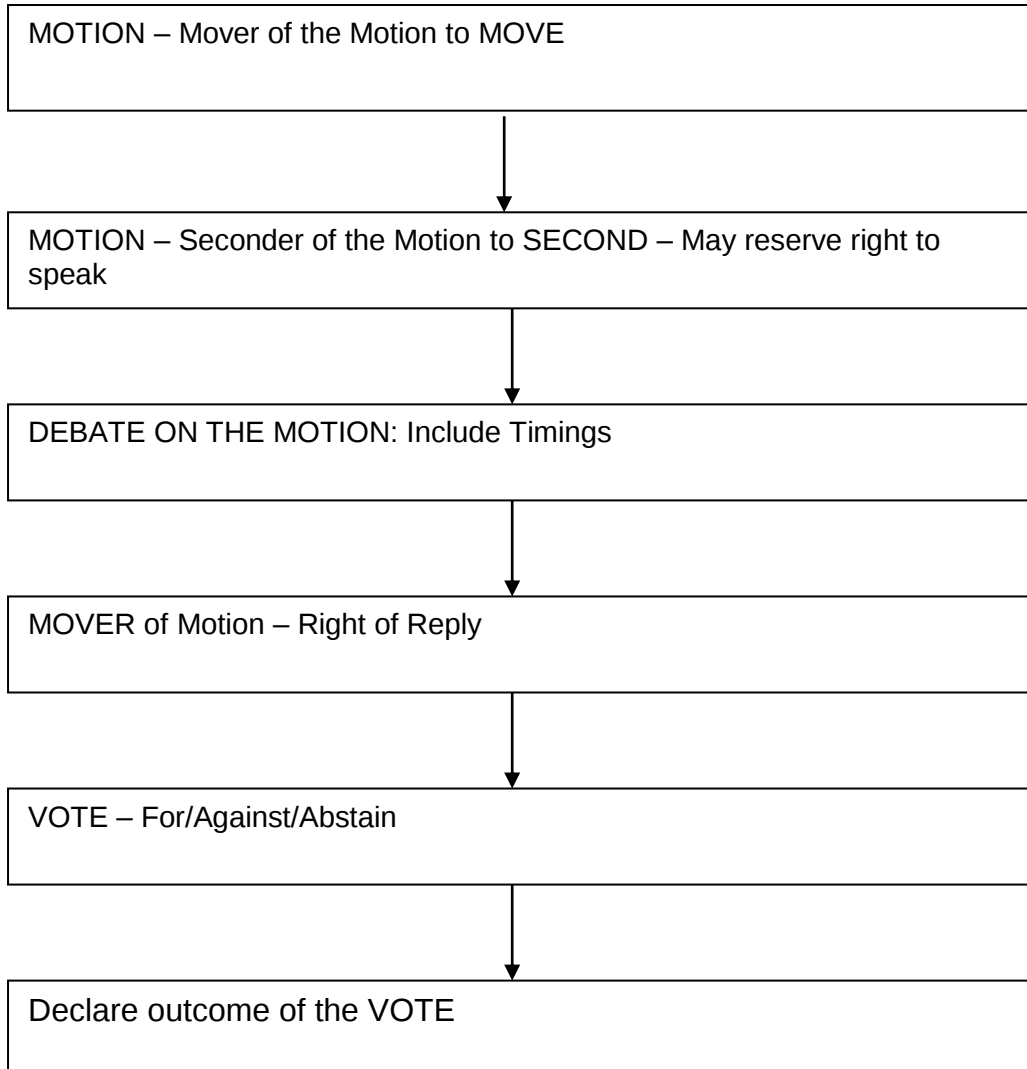
To update on actions from previous Council meetings.

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



**Shelley Kipling
Chief Executive**

PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE OF MOTIONS NO AMENDMENT

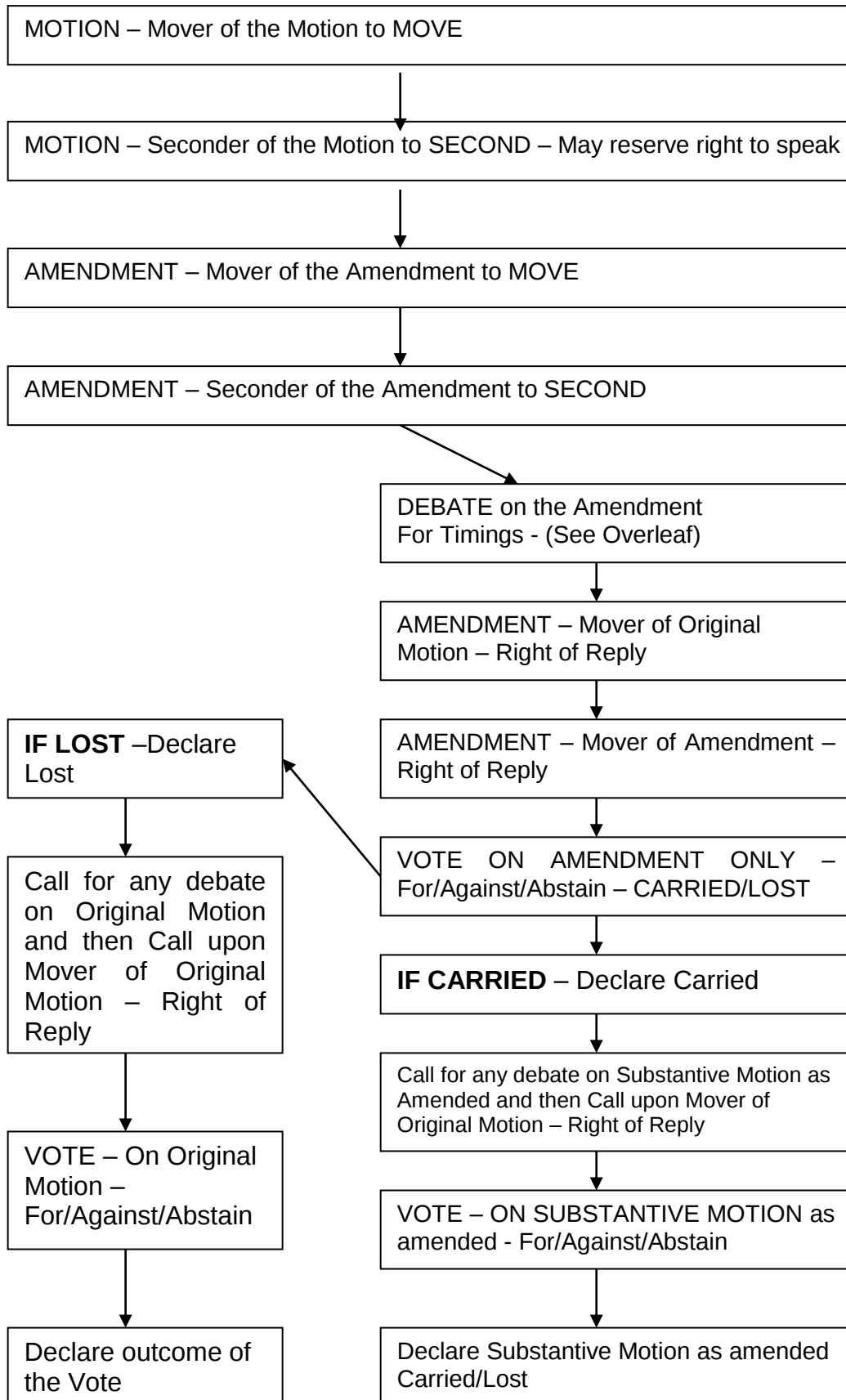


RULE ON TIMINGS

(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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OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – 2026/27

EXTERNAL AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR

MAHDLO – 1 place Contact: Lucy Lees, Tel: 0161 624 0111 Egerton Street, Oldham, OL1 3SE lucy.lees@mahdloyz.org	
	Notes
Purpose Mahdlo is Oldham's primary agency for delivering the Universal youth work service.	
Benefits to Council	
Commitment Board of trustees meets bi-monthly for two hours and there are a number of fundraising and marketing events which Trustees attend when possible. (Meetings can be attended remotely). The meetings are attended by a Council senior officer in an advisory role.	
Financial Commitment (if any) The council provided £200k of funding in 2026/2027	
Attendance – Requirement	

North West Employers Organisation – 1 place + 1 Sub Contact: Sarah Hargreaves Tel: 0161 214 7127 Suite 3.3, ICE Building 3, Exchange Quay, Salford Quays, Greater Manchester, M5 3ED sarahh@nwemployers.org.uk	
	Notes
+ Sub	Sub cannot attend Committee meetings
Commitment One AGM and four quarterly meetings (daytime)	

Oldham Athletic Community Trust – 1 Place

Contact: Martin Vose, Trust Manager, Tel: 0161 785 5176
Chair Boundary Park, Furtherwood Road Oldham OL1 2PA
enquiries@oldhamathletic.co.uk

	Notes
Purpose Using the power of football Oldham Athletic Community Trust (OACT), works in partnership with its local community to provide positive opportunities through sport, inspire and reward our local community. About Oldham Athletic Community Trust Oldham Athletic Community Trust is a charitable organisation (charity number 1120894). Vision & Purpose of OACT Using the power of football Oldham Athletic Community Trust (OACT) works in partnership with its local community to provide positive opportunities through sport, inspire and reward our local community. Our Commitment To be professional, dedicated and inclusive in everything that we deliver. We will work to develop a fit for purpose governance structure with an empowered team committed to meeting the needs of those within Oldham. Our Aims & Aspirations • To maintain Oldham Athletic Football Club at the heart of its community and increase opportunities for young people and families to be involved with Oldham Athletic. • Promote social responsibility and encourage positive relationships amongst communities through sport. • To work with the local communities to maximise the use of facilities and provide meaningful sports opportunities for young people to enhance their communities. • Raise the aspirations of young people through football and education. • To be a sustainable, well-managed and forward-thinking organisation. Commitment Every quarter unless there is the need for an emergency board meeting Attendance –	

Oldham Citizen's Advice Bureau – 1 place

Contact: Jonathon Yates, CAB Manager, Tel: 07968365905
1-2 Ascroft Court Peter St Oldham OL1 1HP jonathan.yates@casort.org

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Oldham Credit Union – 2 Places Contact: Tel: 0161 678 7245 9 Albion Street Oldham OL1 3BG enquiry@oldhamcreditunion.co.uk Evening meeting			
			Notes
			1x monthly meeting (90 minutes, online, Tuesday) 1x AGM, February (3hours) 2x planning days, 4-6 hours each, organised to suit

Oldham Henshaw and Church of England Education Trust – 1 place - 3 yr term of office starting 2026/27 Ian Tomkin, Secretary Tel: 0161 828 1437 Helen Tyler Tel: 0161 828 1436 Manchester Diocesan Board of Education, 4 th Floor, Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH iantomkin@manchester.anglican.org			
			Notes
Purpose The official objective of the Henshaw Trust is ‘The aim is the promotion of God’s Kingdom through provision of schools where faith and worship of C of E can be taught and practised and the children brought to Confirmation and worshipping members of the church.’ This has been looked at in other way in recent year as two of the trusts schools are 100% Muslim			
Benefits to Council Helps the Council keep up to date with the nine Trust schools.			
Commitment Meets 2 or 3 times a year (Usually March, July and September), at 19:00 at one of the trust schools.			
Attendance – Requirement - the Council have a place on the Trust and are expected to attend the meeting			

Oldham Hulme Grammar Schools– 1 place - 3 yr term of office starting 2026/27 Contact: Kath Shaw, Tel: 0161 630 6169 School Bursar, The Hulme Grammar Schools, Oldham OL8 4BX finance@ohgcc.co.uk			
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			Notes
Purpose To advance the education of children and young people by the provision of schools in or near Oldham and by ancillary or incidental educational activities and other associated activities for the benefit of the community			
Benefits to Council We believe that the Council would benefit by being seen to support a high quality educational establishment.			
Commitment The Governing body holds formal Board meetings 3 times a year (December, March and June) together with an annual training and strategy discussion day in September. The Board has a number of sub committees and if an appointed representative wish to serve on one this would of course increase the commitment.			
Financial Commitment (if any) None			
Attendance – Optional			

Oldham Play Action Group – 1 place Contact: Ms S Gill, Co-ordinator, Tel: 0161 678 9662 Oldham Play Action Group, Greenacres Community Centre, Greenacres, Oldham OL4 3EU playactiongroup@hotmail.com			
			Notes
Purpose Oldham Play Action Group is a registered charity working across the borough to extend and enhance the quantity and quality of play and free-time activities for children and families. OPAG delivers junior youth clubs, play and arts sessions, consultation, training and community celebration events. OPAG also operates a small play resource store and is based at Greenacres Community Centre			
Benefits to Council OPAGs work has and continues to contribute substantially to Oldham Council's Children and Young People's offer.			
Commitment OPAG Management Committee meets bi-monthly, usually on a Tuesday or Thursday morning. Meetings tend to last approximately 1.5 hours. Meetings take place at Greenacres Community Centre, Galland Street, Greenacres, Oldham, OL4 3EU.			
Financial Commitment (if any) None			

Attendance – Optional**Oldham United Charity – Mayor (Ex-Officio)**

Contact: Phil Higgins phil.higgins11@gmail.com

Pam Byrne (The Mayor- ex-officio)

Parking Traffic Regulations Outside London (Patrol) Adjudication Joint Committee

**And as your authority operates civil bus lane enforcement also
Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee (BLASJC) -1 RA + 1 Sub**

Councillor nomination to both Joint Committees is mandatory. A named substitution is desirable.

Contact: Andy Diamond Tel: 01625 445565 adiamond@patrol-uk.info

PATROL / BLASJC

Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Joint Committee, PO Box 471, Merlin House, 8 Grove Avenue, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 0HJ

			Notes
			Relevant Cabinet Member

Purpose

Local Authorities who undertake civil parking or bus lane enforcement are required by statute to make provision for independent adjudication.

Over 300 Local Authorities in England and Wales are members of the PATROL Joint Committee to exercise this function jointly and over 50 are members of the BLASJC.

The function of the Joint Committee is to provide resources to support independent Adjudicators and their staff who together compose the Traffic Penalty Tribunal. The Joint Committee also promotes good practice in public information on parking enforcement.

Benefits to Council

Membership to the JCs means Oldham MBC can operate Civil Parking and Bus Lane Enforcement.

Commitment

Meetings take place 3 times a year (January, June and October) in Westminster or virtually depending on national restrictions

Financial Commitment

Oldham MBC pay £0.30p per PCN issued to PATROL to allow access to independent adjudication for the general public (Traffic Penalty Tribunal)

Attendance – Requirement

Peak District National Park Authority – 1 place

Contact: Jason Spencer, Corporate & Member Services Manager Tel: 01629 816352 Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AE

Ruth.Crowder@peakdistrict.gov.uk

			Notes
Purpose The National Park Authority is the local planning authority for the area within the National Park boundary. It has a statutory obligation to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of its special qualities by the public. Where these purposes conflict, we must give priority to conservation. In carrying out these aims, we are also required to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the Park.			
Benefits to Council Constituent councils benefit from being included in the Authority's decision making on issues and matters that affect the areas of their council situated within the National Park, for example planning applications and transport infrastructure. They also gain from the partnership working opportunities available through the Authority.			
Commitment The Authority meets 6 times per year and there are 2 committees, Planning and Audit, Resources and Performance. Committee meetings take place on Fridays and normally start at 10am.			
Attendance – Requirement			

Pennine Care NHS Trust – (Mental Health) Council of Governors – 1 place

Contact: Lisa Howarth, Corporate Governance Officer Tel: 0161 716 3960 Pennine Care Trust Headquarters, 225 Old Street, Ashton under Lyne OL6 7SR.

lisa.howarth@nhs.net

			Notes
Purpose Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust provides mental health and learning disabilities services for children and adults in Oldham.			
Benefits to Council The Council of Governors is responsible for representing the interests of Trust members and partner organisations The Council of Governors holds the Board of Directors collectively to account for the performance of the Trust			

Governors are responsible for feeding back information about the Trust, its vision and its performance to the constituencies and the stakeholder organisations that either elect them or appointed them
Commitment The nominated representative is required to attend a minimum of four quarterly meetings of the Council of Governors, each meeting is scheduled for 2½ hours with an additional pre-meeting for all public, staff and appointed governors. In addition, governors are also required to attend the Annual General Meeting, mandatory development sessions and where possible the quarterly Local Constituency Meetings.
Financial Commitment (if any) None
Attendance – Requirement It would be useful for the representative governor to have a local knowledge of health issues within the constituency in which they represent, however it is important to note the Trust's constitution does not allow for an individual to fulfil both roles of a Governor and member of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation - Council of Governors – 1 place Contact: Corporate Governance Officer, Mayo Building, Salford Royal Hospital, Stott Lane, Salford, M6 8HD membership@nca.nhs.uk			
			Notes
Purpose Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust provides health and care services for children and adults in Oldham.			
Benefits to Council The Council of Governors is responsible for representing the interests of Trust members and partner organisations The Council of Governors holds the Board of Directors collectively to account for the performance of the Trust Governors are responsible for feeding back information about the Trust, its vision and its performance to the constituencies and the stakeholder organisations that either elect them or appointed them			
Commitment The nominated representative is required to attend four quarterly meetings of the Council of Governors, each meeting is scheduled for 2 - 2½ hours with an additional pre-meeting for all public, staff and appointed governors. In addition, governors are also required to attend the Annual General Meeting, mandatory development sessions and where possible the quarterly Local Constituency Meetings.			

Financial Commitment (if any)

None

Attendance – Requirement

It would be useful for the representative governor to have a local knowledge of health issues within the constituency in which they represent, however it is important to note the Trust's constitution does not allow for an individual to fulfil both roles of a Governor and member of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Southern Pennine Rural Regeneration Company (formerly Pennine Prospects) - 1 Place

Contact: Sarah Ross, Office and Business Manager, Butlers Wharf, Hebden Bridge West Yorkshire HX78AF West Yorkshire Tel: 0161 624 4497
emily.stevenson@southpeninepark.org

			Notes
			Cab Mem preferred

Purpose

It is a unique rural regeneration company that aims to promote, protect and enhance the built, natural and cultural heritage of the South Pennines. Pennine Prospects works with local authorities, government agencies, businesses, voluntary organisations and the local community to deliver a range of initiatives. It is a mature, cross-sector partnership, with member organisations made up of 6 local authorities, 2 utility company, statutory agency, Natural England, NGOs – The National Trust and Pennine Heritage and the voluntary sector.

Benefits to Council

Pennine Prospects is at the heart of sustainable development for the South Pennines. It works to manage and enhance the area's natural, cultural and heritage assets so that they contribute to the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the South Pennines. Pennine Prospects also seeks to create opportunities through developing programmes and projects that supports the South Pennines and those people who live, work or enjoy the area, including the seven million residents of the surrounding conurbations through health & wellbeing, recreation and leisure and sustainable economic opportunities.

Commitment

The Company has a Board of Directors that meet 4 times a year – June, September, December, February. The meetings are often hosted by our member organisations such as the local authorities
 The commitment of the Director is dependent on what their engagement and involvement is – the basic is 4x meetings a year, normally held on a Friday morning.

Financial Commitment (if any)

No financial commitment since 2023.

Attendance – Optional

Deemed value for money to deliver priorities, aims and objectives of the Council's strategy in partnership. The Council has been part of Pennine Prospects since its inception in 2005 and was instrumental in its setting up.

Positive Steps Board – 2 places

Contact: Cliff Shields Tel: 0161 621 9339

Medtia Place, 80 Union Street, Oldham OL1 1DJ cliffshields@positive-steps.org.uk

	Notes

Purpose

To provide strategic direction and governance to the senior management of the Positive Steps Charitable Trust. Appointed as advisory representative to the board .

Benefits to Council

To inform and influence the workings of a key commissioned delivery partner providing an Early Help and an Integrated Support Service for Young People across Oldham covering Prevention and Reduction of Youth Offending, NEET prevention, Young Carers, and Missing from Home

Commitment

Attend quarterly meetings held on a Tuesday evening plus an Annual General Meeting

Financial Commitment (if any)

Not applicable

Attendance – Requirement/Optional

At least one representative needed to attend to enable a quorate meeting

NW Reserve Forces and Cadets Association – 1 place

Contact: Cilla Morgan Tel: 0151 728 2061 NW RFCA, Alexandra Court, 28 Alexandra Drive, Liverpool L17 8YE nw-ceps@rfca.mod.uk

	Notes
	Armed Forces Champion

Purpose

- Promote the interests of the Armed Forces.
- Champion of the volunteer ethos both within and outside the Services.
- Our voluntary membership brings with it an unparalleled breadth of expertise and experience.

• We support the work of third sector organisations which also contribute to the well-being of Service personnel & dependents, veterans and youth. • We supplement government funding through income generation for our dependencies. • Not-for-profit organisation with demonstrable value for money
Benefits to Council Closer liaison with the local armed forces and cadets.
Commitment The Association membership meets once per year usually in June for the Annual General Meeting.
Financial Commitment (if any) None
Attendance – Requirement

University of Manchester General Assembly – 1 place Contact: Deputy Secretary to the Council & Senate, Tel: 0161 306 3772 The University of Manchester, John Owens Building, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL deputysecretary@manchester.ac.uk	
	Notes
Purpose The General Assembly is the forum where legitimate interests in the affairs of the University can be heard and is the medium through which the University can present itself and its achievements to its broader ‘constituencies’.	
Benefits to Council Maintains and develops links, and the purpose of the Assembly is to act as a two-way channel of communication through which the University presents its achievements to its broader ‘constituencies’ and receives feedback and advice on matters relating to University business.	
Commitment It meets twice annually (in January and in June), receives reports from the President and Vice-Chancellor and discusses matters of general importance to the University as a whole. The meetings start at 3:00 pm and last approximately 2 hours. On occasion, there may be a celebration event or dinner, to which the General Assembly members are invited, but attendance at these is not mandatory.	
Attendance – optional	

Youth Justice Management Board – 1 place Contact: Helen Wood, Oldham MBC, Spindles Shopping Centre, George Street, Oldham, OL1 1HD	
	Notes

Purpose The Youth Justice Management Board will have strategic responsibility for ensuring the effective delivery of the Youth Justice Service and the youth crime prevention agenda, providing support and challenge where necessary in order to achieve maximum benefit.
Benefits to Council Assisting the Youth Justice Service in delivering and developing its approaches to working holistically with families the board will support the youth justice service to: • Prevent Youth Crime (including youth violence) • Reduce re-offending (including use of custody) • Safeguard young people at risk of, or involved in, the criminal justice system • Protect the Public
Commitment Quarterly meetings
Financial Commitment (if any) None
Attendance – Optional

Please note these appointments were agreed at 15 June Council Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the NHS Northern Care Alliance – 3 places (1 Lab, 1 RUK, 1 OG) Contact: Constitutional Services, Oldham MBC, The JR Clynes Building, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1AL constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk			
Barbara Brownridge Labour	Peter Klonowski, Reform UK	Graham Sheldon, Oldham Group	Notes
Purpose The Committee was established jointly by Bury, Oldham, Rochdale and Salford councils, to consider issues affecting the health of local people (the overview role) and to call the NHS into account on behalf of the local communities (the scrutiny role). Each of these Councils has appointed 3 representatives to sit on the Committee.			
Benefits to Council Scrutiny work is undertaken on behalf of Oldham Council			
Commitment The committee meets four times a year and as well as possible additional ad-hoc task and finish groups. Meetings usually starts at 2.00pm			
Financial Commitment N/A – Oldham MBC hosts the Committee			

Attendance – Requirement			
Please note these appointments were agreed at 15 June Council Pennine Care NHS Trust – Joint Mental Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee- 3 places (1 Lab, 1 RUK, 1 OG) Contact: Committee Service; Tel 01706 924715 Rochdale Borough Council, Floor 2, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU committee.services@rochdale.gov.uk			
Barbara Brownridge Labour	Steve Eyre Reform UK	Zaheer Ali Oldham Group	Notes
Purpose The Committee was established jointly by Bury, Oldham, Rochdale, Stockport and Tameside councils, to consider issues affecting the health of local people (the overview role) and to call the NHS into account on behalf of the local communities (the scrutiny role). Each of these Councils has appointed 3 representatives to sit on the Committee.			
Benefits to Council Scrutiny work is undertaken on behalf of Oldham Council			
Commitment Each committee meets four times a year and as well as additional ad-hoc task and finish groups. Pennine Care usually starts at 2.00pm.			
Financial Commitment The Council jointly funds a post, invoiced annually £2400 per committee.			
Attendance – Requirement			

OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – 2026/27****OMBC****RA – Ruling Administration****OPP – Opposition**

ACE Centre – 1 place Contact: Michael Ritson, Senior AAC Consultant, Ace Centre North, Hollinwood Business Centre, Albert Street, Oldham, OL8 3QL mritson@acecentre.org.uk			
			Notes
Purpose Ace Centre is a registered charity (No. 1089313) providing support for people with complex communication difficulties. It offers assessment, training and information services across England, with a focus on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and Assistive Technology (AT), delivered by a multi-disciplinary team of specialist teachers, occupational therapists, speech & language therapists with the support of technical and administrative staff.			
Benefits to Council Unknown			
Commitment Unknown			
Financial Commitment (if any) None			
Attendance –Optional			

Community Safety Partnership – 3 Places Contact: Neil Consterdine, Director of Communities Tel: 0161 770 8734 Oldham MBC, Spindles Shopping Centre, George Street, Oldham, OL1 1HD neil.consterdine@oldham.gov.uk			
			Notes
			Relevant Cabinet Member and Deputy
Purpose The CSCP Partnership has strategic oversight and responsibility for the delivery of the CSCP Plan. This plan aligns with the Police and Crime			

Commissioner priorities and the safety and cohesion of residents of the Borough
Benefits to Council Delivers key strategic objectives, statutory council duty, holds partners to account.
Commitment The Partnership meets on a quarterly basis, usually at the Honeywell Centre
Financial Commitment (if any) In kind resources
Attendance – Requirement

Please note these appointments were agreed at 15 June Council

Corporate Parenting Panel – 6 places (2 Lab, 2 RUK, 1 OG, 1 Lib Dem)
 Contact: Nick Whitbread, Oldham MBC, Spindles Shopping Centre, George Street, Oldham, OL1 1HD. Nick.Whitbread@oldham.gov.uk

Mohon Ali	Robert Barnes	Shoab Akhtar	Notes
Josh Charters	Jon Ford	Helen Bishop	Lead member for Children currently but could be any Cabinet member

Domestic Violence Partnership – 2 Places

Contact: Bruce Penhale, Early Help Service Manager, Oldham MBC, Spindles Shopping Centre, George Street, Oldham, OL1 1HD Tel: 0161 770 4196
Bruce.Penhale@oldham.gov.uk

		Notes
		1 Cabinet Member + 1

Purpose

To oversee the implementation of the DV Strategy through the delivery plan.
 To consider DV trends (calls for service, prosecutions, victims supported etc.)
 One of the key areas we are looking at currently is the impact of DV on children.

Benefits to Council

The benefits to the Council are through partnership and co-operative working. The DVP is now co-chaired by a 3rd sector representative. Working in this way allows us to share practice and learning whilst having the benefit of partnership scrutiny and transparency.

Commitment

It meets every two months and is usually scheduled from 12pm to 2pm in one of the Civic Suites. The next one is scheduled for the 8th December and will be in the Crompton Suite. We haven't had regular Cllr attendance at recent meetings however we ensure they are kept up to date and are sent all the relevant information.

Financial Commitment (if any)

None

The Council contributes to the DV response in Oldham through the mainstream budgets (Community Safety and Early Help).

Attendance – Optional

Fostering Panel – 1 place

Contact: Maris Elkington, Fostering Team Manager, Tel: 0161 770 6534.
Unit 10 Whitney Court, Southlink Business Park, Oldham OL4 1DB
Lisa.Oates@oldham.gov.uk

	Notes
	Must commit to attend 75% of meetings (legislation) – no sub allowed

Purpose

Fostering panels are a regulatory body with a crucial role in monitoring foster care for our looked after children. The main role is to make decisions about the approval, terms of approval and assessing the continuing suitability of foster carers including relatives under assessment for children subject to care proceedings. The overriding objective is to promote the welfare of children and quality assure the services provided to families in need of safeguarding intervention

Benefits to Council

As a council we compete to recruit carers and the panels effective function is crucial to our reputation, alongside ensuring we provide a safe, high quality service to children and families

Commitment

There are 18 panels a year minimum, lasting 4-7 hours each

Attendance – Requirement as corporate parent

Oldham Learning Disability and Autism Collaborative – 2 Places

Contact: Joe Charlan, Tel: 0161 770 3198 Planning and Commissioning Manager (Learning Disability and Autism), Oldham MBC, Spindles Shopping Centre, George Street, Oldham, OL1 1HD joe.charlan@oldham.gov.uk

		Notes
		One appointee should be the Cabinet Member

	(Social Care and Safeguarding)
Purpose The Board is a group of professionals, carers and self-advocates who meet on a regular basis, working together to make Oldham a better place to live for people with learning disabilities.	
Benefits to Council In self-assessment returns having partnership boards is seen as constructive and a positive way of involving stakeholders in a locality's developments.	
Commitment 6 times per year, once every two months. Meets at Civic Centre, Lead Member for Social Care and Safeguarding usually chairs the meeting.	
Financial Commitment (if any) The resources it takes to host the meetings (minutes, facilitating and refreshments provided etc.)	
Attendance –Optional This is not a board/meeting that we are obliged to host/hold and it is seen as favourable when submitting Dept of Health self-assessments on Learning Disability and/or Autism.	

MioCare and Support – 4 places Contact: Karl Dean, Managing Director of the MioCare Group, Tel: 0161 770 8777, Ena Hughes Resource Centre, Ellesmere Street, Failsworth, M35 9AD, email: Velarie.Perrins@oldham.gov.uk		
		Notes
Purpose The MioCare Group provides care and support services across the borough. The MioCare Group is a Community Interest Company that is wholly owned by Oldham Council. All Board Members become registered directors at Companies House and take on the respective accountabilities.		
Benefits to Council As a wholly Council owned group of companies the Council underwrites any liabilities. Having elected members on the Board ensures that the strategic direction is aligned with the Council, performance is monitored and risks are managed.		
Commitment The Board meets quarterly and there are two sub-committees that also meet quarterly. As well as 4 elected members the Board comprises 3 x external Non-Executive Directors and the Managing Director is also a company director.		
Financial Commitment (if any)		

Attendance – Requirement

All associated papers read and members contribute to discourse.

Oldham Council Music Awards – 5 places

Contact: Michelle Millward, Oldham Music Service, Lyceum Buildings, Union Street, Oldham OL1 1QG Tel: 0161 770 5668

Michelle.Millward1@oldham.gov.uk

			Notes

Purpose

The fund is made up of 2 trusts re Archer & Marjorie Tate fund and are awarded to students who live in Oldham to develop their musical skills, either within the borough of Oldham or at a full time Music Conservatories or other full time higher education establishments. These awards are made to assist with the costs associated with students intending on pursuing a career in music.

Benefits to Council

The fund was given to the Council to help students and their musical aspirations and has been going for quite a few years. The costs associated with pursuing a career in music are very high and this award does make a difference to the students who apply. The interest it accumulates currently is not sufficient to keep the balance topped up and at some point in the future, it is anticipated that the monies will reduce so that no further awards will be able to be paid.

Commitment

The committee meets once a year usually August time at the Lyceum, when each application is discussed and awards allocated. The decisions made are by the Councillors on the committee.

Attendance – Requirement**Oldham Distress Fund – 2 places**

Contact: Constitutional Services Tel: 0161 770 5151, Constitutional Services, Oldham MBC, JR Clynes Building, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, OL1 1AL

constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk

			Notes

Purpose The Oldham Distress Fund (the trust) is a registered charity, number 225145, The trust was re-established in 2012 based on the Terms of Reference for the relief of poverty and hardship of people living in the Borough of Oldham in response to the gas explosion which occurred in Shaw in June 2012. The trust will comprise 3 members of the Council. The Chair

will be appointed from amongst their number at the meeting. All trustees will give their time freely and no trustee will be paid remuneration in the year.
Benefits to Council The benefit to the Council is that it provides an opportunity for the Council to respond as a matter of urgency to any emergency situation whereby funds are needed.
Commitment It meets annually for about an hour.
Attendance – Requirement

PFI and Housing Revenue Account Board – 1 place Contact: Bryn Cooke Tel: 0161 770 4134 Oldham MBC, Spindles Shopping Centre, George Street, Oldham, OL1 1HD bryn.cooke@oldham.gov.uk	
	Notes
Purpose The PFI and Housing Revenue Account Board is responsible for ensuring effective overview and governance of the Council's two Housing Private Finance Initiative schemes and overseeing the Housing Revenue Account in which the finances sit for both PFI schemes.	
Benefits to Council The benefit to the Council is that it provides an opportunity for the portfolio holder and officer representatives to assess performance on the PFI schemes and individual projects within the Housing Revenue Account	
Commitment It meets Quarterly for an hour and a half.	
Attendance – Requirement	

Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education – 1 place Contact: Tony Shepherd, Assistant Director of Education and Early Years - Tony.shepherd@oldham.gov.uk	
	Notes
	3-year term of office starting May 2026
Purpose The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) advises on Oldham's agreed syllabus for Religious Education, publishes an annual report, conducts regular meetings, monitors the quality and provision of Religious Education in all maintained and voluntary controlled schools and receives complaints in relation to Religious Education and collective worship.	
Benefits to Council	

Meets statutory duties as laid down by Parliamentary Act
Commitment Meets termly, at least 3 times annually
Attendance – Requirement - need not be an elected Member

OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – 2026/27****JOINT VENTURES****RA – Ruling Administration****OPP – Opposition****Foxdenton Development Board – 3 Places (Relevant Cabinet Members)**

Contact: Emma Barton Tel: 0161 770 4846

Oldham Council. emma.barton@oldham.gov.uk

	Notes
Purpose In 2014, Oldham Council set up a Joint Venture company (JV Co) to bring forward the Foxdenton scheme (now named Broadway Green). The two shareholders in the 50:50 JV Co are the Council and the Developer. The Developer is Foxdenton LLP (Foxdenton LLP being a joint venture between Grasscroft Property and Seddons Construction). At the same time as entering into the partnership agreement with Oldham, the Developer also entered into a Development Management Agreement with the JV Co, to advise on development and funding strategies. The Joint Venture Company has a Management Board with no more than six Board Members. A maximum of three Board members can be appointed by both the Developer and the Council. The Management Board is responsible for the management and control of the business and the affairs of the JV Co and has the authority to do all things necessary to carry out the purpose of the JV Co, subject to Council approval.	
Benefits to Council The scheme will deliver up to 700,000 sq. ft. of employment space within a premium business park and up to 500 new homes. This is expected to bring 2,000 new jobs to the local area as well as much needed new housing. It will also provide a £5.4m annual boost to the local retail economy from new resident spending. Importantly, essential infrastructure will be delivered ahead of any other development and will include a new spine road connecting the A663 and B6189, with work set to begin in May 2017.	
Commitment Meetings of the Management Board are held at the Civic Centre, usually between the hours of 9am- 5pm. They can be held at any time upon a written request of a Board Member (subject to a minimum of 10 days' notice) and in any event at least every three months. Now that we are moving swiftly forward to the delivery phase, Board meetings are currently being held every two months. The quorum for a meeting of the Management Board is two Board Members (one from the Council and one from the Developer). Each Board Member has one vote and decisions are determined by a majority vote.	

Financial Commitment (if any)

The Council has transferred land into the JV Co (at market value) by way of a commercial loan. The Council has also agreed to contribute towards infrastructure works, which will benefit the wider area. In return for this commitment, the Council will receive a share of the development profits.

Attendance – Requirement

Council membership of the Management Board, is required under the terms of the JV partnership agreement.

Meridian Development Company Ltd – 1 place

Contact: Becky Collinge Tel: 0161 626 6021

Meridian Business Centre King Street Oldham Lancs OL8 1EZ

admin@interurbanestates.co.uk

	Notes

Purpose

Meridian Development Company owns and manages a Grade II listed business centre and an adjoining 5.7 acres area of development land. The Company is seeking to develop the site for high end business and employment use.

Benefits to Council

The Council benefits from having immediate access to the skillset (both professional and business acumen) with two local private sector businessmen who have over 40 years' experience in the Manufacturing Development and Construction Industry.

Commitment

Council officers and their joint venture partners meet on a regular basis to oversee the company operations. The meetings take place either in the Conference room at the Business Centre or at a meeting room within the Civic Centre as appropriate.

Financial Commitment (if any)

The company is self-financing.

Attendance – Requirement

The Council and the Joint Venture partners are both shareholders in the company

Oldham Community Leisure Ltd Management Committee – 2 Places

Contact: Stuart Lockwood, Chief Executive Tel: 0161 207 7000 Oldham Community Leisure, Chadderton Wellbeing Centre, Burnley Street, Chadderton, Oldham OL9 0JW stuart.lockwood@ocll.co.uk

	Notes

Purpose

The Board of Directors ensures that OCL conducts its affairs in accordance with its stated purpose. It sets the policies, strategies and objectives, and then supervises the Chief Executive and his staff who are responsible for delivering them. The Board is accountable to the members through elections and the power of removal.

Benefits to Council

Benefits are that Council input is welcomed and taken into account when decision making for the company.

Commitment

Meetings take place on a quarterly basis, usually a Thursday evening, commencing around 5pm with refreshments and the meetings usually last no longer than a couple of hours. Papers are sent around a week in advance for consideration in advance of the meeting. There is the opportunity to be involved in sub committees such as HR, Audit & Risk, and Finance and or other working parties which come up periodically, but this is not mandatory and representatives are voluntary.

Please note that Board members are offered free membership, and if this is accepted this must be declared as a pecuniary interest and your register of interest form must be updated, and this would need to be declared in meetings where relevant matters are being considered.

Financial Commitment (if any)

None

Attendance – Requirement

There are always two elected member roles filled at each time and the Council designate officers to these, rotating their period of office. OCL do not have input into the representatives, this is purely a Council decision and is also acknowledged that there will be two places available within the company rules.

Oldham Economic Development Association Board – 8 places (Directors appointed by Monitoring Officer)

Contact: Mr A Bougatef, Director of Legal Services Tel: 0161 770 4822
Oldham MBC, Spindles Shopping Centre, George Street, Oldham, OL1 1HD

Paul Robinson, Reform UK			Notes
			1 Cabinet Member Finance, 1 Shadow Finance + 6 Elected Members

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Oldham Property Partnership Limited (and associated OPP Ltd companies) – 2 places

Contact: Bryn Cooke, PDI Team Leader, Development and Infrastructure
Tel: 0161 770 4134. Oldham MBC, Spindles Shopping Centre, George Street, Oldham, OL1 1HD bryn.cooke@oldham.gov.uk

			Notes

Southlink Developments Limited – 3 places (Director)

Contact: Mr. A. Bougatef, Director of Legal Services Tel: 0161 770 4822 JR
Clynes Building, Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1AL
alex.bougatef@oldham.gov.uk

			Notes

Please note these appointments were agreed at 15 June Council

Northern Roots – 3 places available as advisory trustees 1 Lab, 1 RUK, 1 OG

Jabbar	Klonowski	Arstan	

OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – 2026/27****DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS****RA – Ruling Administration****OPP – Opposition****Chadderton**

Community First Oldham (Chadderton) Ltd (1 place) Contact: swilson@northconsulting.co.uk Tel: 0161 831 9722 Building 1000, Kings Reach, Yew Street, Stockport, SK4 2HG			
			Notes

East Oldham

East Oldham Children's Centre District Advisory Board – 1 place Contact: Karen Bennett, Beever Children's Centre, Moorby St, Oldham OL13QU Tel: 0161-470-4260 Email Karen.Bennett@bridgewater.nhs.uk			
			Notes
Purpose The District Advisory Board has oversight of and supports the District Children Centres			
Benefits to Council To ensure a high quality early years offer for families in Oldham			
Commitment To attend 1 meeting per quarter, attend any additional meetings, attend the Annual conversation.			
Financial Commitment (if any) None			
Attendance – Requirement			

Failsworth and Hollinwood

Onwards (formerly Portico Housing Association) 2 places The Avenues and Hollins Tenants Association Committee Contact: Tel 0161 688 1763, 50 1 st Avenue Oldham OL8 3SH			
			Notes

Royton

Please note these appointments were agreed at 15 June Council			
Royton Sick and Needy Charity – 6 places (Royton Councillors) Contact: Constitutional Services, Tel: 0161 770 5151 Legal & Constitutional Services, JR Clynes Building, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, OL1 1AL.			
Reform 3	Con 1	Independent 2	
Quigg	Arnott	Hurley	
Pinder		Hughes	
Robinson			
Purpose Charitable trust set up to apply the capital and endowments of the Trust for the benefit of needy and deserving sick persons of the district of Royton.			
Benefits to Council Ensuring the residents of Royton benefit fully from the Trust funds			
Commitment 3-4 meetings per year			
Attendance – Requirement			

Shaw and Crompton

Arthur Vernon Davies Charity (Shaw and Crompton) – 1 place Shaw or Crompton elected member + 1 place (Mayor (ex-officio)) Contact: Constitutional Services, Tel: 0161 770 5151 Legal & Democratic Services, JR Clynes Building, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, OL1 1AL.			
Please note these appointments were agreed at 15 June Council			Notes
Byrne (Mayor)			Howard Sykes - Appointed by the Council in 2024 for a four-year term noting that Council appointments do not have to be a member of the Council, as per the deed of trust
Purpose			

Charitable trust set up to relieve need, hardship or distress in persons resident in the ecclesiastical parishes of St James, East Crompton, St Mary, High Crompton and Holy Trinity, Shaw

Benefits to Council

Ensuring the residents of Shaw and Crompton benefit fully from the Trust funds

Commitment

Meetings are held four times per year at 4.00pm in the JR Clynes Building

Attendance – Requirement

Hopwood Trust – 6 Trustees (2 Bowling Club Reps, 2 Cricket Club Reps, 2 Shaw & Crompton District Ward Councillors)

Contact: Constitutional Services Tel: 0161 770 5151, Legal & Democratic Services, JR Clynes Building, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, OL1 1AL.

<i>Robert G Horrocks</i>	<i>Michael Lee</i>		Notes
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Glenn Rigby</i>		

Purpose

Charitable trust set up to enable Crompton Cricket Club and Crompton Bowling Club and such other persons as they think fit, to use the land for cricket, bowling and other leisure purposes.

Benefits to Council

Ensuring the residents of Crompton benefit fully from the Trust facilities

Commitment

Meetings are held as and when – but one meeting should be held each year to approve the accounts.

Attendance – Requirement

West Oldham

Community Group Network - 2 places

Contact: Martin Holt, Villages Housing 2 Fircroft Road, Fitton Hill, Oldham OL8 2QN.

siammartin@hotmail.com;

			Notes

Purpose

An umbrella organisation of community groups in Hathershaw and Fitton Hill, which was formed during the New Deal for Communities (NDC) funding programme. The CGN took on the functions of the Honeywell Trust, which replaced from the NDC Board.

Some of the functions included were to have oversight of the NDC funded projects and facilities, however this has reduced over time as many facilities

(Fitton Hill Neighbourhood Centre, Honeywell Centre) have been adopted by the Council
Benefits to Council The relationship is an important one for the local Councillors.
Commitment Frequency – 4 times a year, once per quarter. Time – The meetings take place in the late afternoon/early evening on a weekday. Usually 5pm/6pm. Duration: 1 – 2 hours.
Financial Commitment (if any) None
Attendance – Optional

Oldham Millennium Centre – 2 places Contact: Dolly Green Tel: 0161 622 3812 Featherstall Road North, Oldham OL9 6QB obamillenniumcentre@hotmail.co.uk			
			Notes
Purpose The Council is a joint partner with the Oldham Bangladeshi Association (OBA) on the management committee for the Millennium Centre. The body is responsible for setting the strategic direction, oversight, facilities, and use of the community centre.			
Benefits to Council			
Commitment Frequency – 4 times a year, once per quarter Time – usually daytime, weekday, based on availability of committee members Duration – 1-2 Hours			
Financial Commitment (if any) The only Council contribution financially tends to be in the award of grants from the District Executive or Councillors for the provision of annual activity. The Council does receive an annual rent for the building from the OBA.			
Attendance – Requirement Membership is a requirement as a liable partner and leaseholder of the centre.			

The Primrose Community Association – 1 place

Contact: Jan Wade, 9 Magnolia Gardens, Primrose Bank, Oldham OL8 1HY
 Tel: 0161 624 7202 primrosecentre@gmail.com

			Notes
Purpose The Board of Trustees for the new PFI4 community centre has overview of the development of the centre and activities that benefit the local community.			
Benefits to Council The centre is part of the substantial investment in Primrose Bank from the PFI4 programme.			
Commitment: 1 meeting per quarter			
Financial Commitment (if any) None			
Attendance – Requirement To attend the Board of Trustees meetings as an advisor			

ForHousing – Fitton Hill Community Voice - 2 places

Contact: Lisa Fowles, ForHousing 2 Fircroft Road, Fitton Hill, Oldham OL8 2QN. lisa.fowles@forhousing.co.uk Tel: 07834126664

			Notes
Purpose Fitton Hill Community Voice gives residents influence over the management of properties in Fitton Hill which are owned by ForHousing. These properties were stock-transferred from OMBC to Villages Housing in 2005. In April 2019, Villages Housing merged with City West Housing Trust to form a single housing association within the ForViva Group. The new housing association is called ForHousing.			
Benefits to Council Fitton Hill Community Voice gives residents influence over the management of the Fitton Hill estate. Community Voice also considers applications for funding from ForHousing's Community Fund which helps support residents to deliver projects which benefit the local area. Attending Community Voice meetings will help Council nominees to understand the priorities of local people and build awareness of ForHousing's contribution in the area. There will also be opportunities to influence service delivery including masterplanning and the development of local offers.			
Commitment Frequency – 4 times a year, once per quarter Time – Usually day time, weekday Duration – 2 hours			

Financial Commitment (if any) None			
Attendance – Requirement ForHousing have maintained places for Council nominees in its terms of reference for Community Voice.			
West Oldham Children’s Centre District Advisory Board – 1 place Contact: Elaine Worthington, Oldham Children’s Centres, c/o Medlock Vale Children’s Centre, Honeywell Centre, Hadfield Street, Hathershaw, Oldham, OL8 3BP Tel: 0161 470 4305 Elaine.Worthington@bridgewater.nhs.uk			
			Notes
Purpose The District Advisory Board has oversight of and supports the District Children Centres			
Benefits to Council To ensure a high quality early years offer for families in Oldham			
Commitment To attend 1 meeting per quarter, attend any additional meetings, attend the Annual conversation.			
Financial Commitment (if any) None			
Attendance – Requirement			

GMCA & AGMA Nominations and Appointments – Local Authorities 2026/27

GMCA Nominations and Appointments 2026/27					
Body	Committee size	Appointments/Nominations - <u>Ask of each Local Authority</u>	Length of Term	Meeting requirements	Name, Email Address and Political Party of Nomination/Appointment
GM Combined Authority Appointed by each Local Authority	10 members & Mayor of GM	Appointment of 1 member and 1 substitute from each Local Authority Substitute to ideally be the opposite gender from the member to assist with gender balance	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	
GM Waste Committee Appointed by GMCA	15 members	Nomination of 2 members and 2 substitutes from each Local Authority with the exception of Wigan Ideally those with portfolio responsibility for environment / waste	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	

Note that positions have been filled by the GMCA GMCA Audit Committee Appointed by GMCA	4 members and 4 Independent members	Nomination of 1 member and 1 substitute member from each Local Authority, if they wish to do so, plus 2 substitute members Cannot be the GMCA Member or Substitute GMCA Member	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	
Bee Network Cttee Appointed by each Local Authority	10 members plus GM Mayor and GMCA representative	Appointment of 1 member and 1 substitute member from each Local Authority Cannot be members or substitute members appointed to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee Executive Member with responsibility for transport	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	
GM Culture Cttee	10 members	Nomination of 1 member and 1 substitute member from each Local Authority	Up to June Annual Meeting	X2 per year	

Appointed by Local Authority		(Recommended that membership replicates the AGMA Statutory Functions Committee).			
GM Work & Skills Forum	10 members	Nomination of 1 member from each Local Authority	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	
Appointed by GMCA		Ideally those with portfolio responsibility for work and skills			
Integrated Care Partnership	10 members	Appointment of 1 member and 1 substitute member from each Local Authority	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	
Appointed by each Local Authority		Ideally GMCA Member and GMCA Substitute Member			
Note that positions have been filled by the GMCA	1 member invited from across GM to act a substitute member for GM Mayor	Nomination of 1 member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	
Transport for the North & Rail North Cttee – Substitute member for the GM Mayor					

Appointed by the GMCA					
Note that positions have been filled by the GMCA Transport for the North Audit & Governance Cttee Appointed by the GMCA	1 member & 1 substitute member invited from across GM	Nomination of 1 member and 1 substitute member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	
Note that positions have been filled by the GMCA Transport for the North – Scrutiny Committee Appointed by the GMCA	1 member & 1 substitute member invited from across GM	Nomination of 1 member and 1 substitute member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	
Note that positions have been filled by the GMCA	1 member & 1 substitute member	Nomination of 1 member and 1 substitute member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	Up to June	Quarterly	

Transport for the North General Purposes Cttee	invited from across GM,		Annual Meeting		
Appointed by the GMCA					
GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee	20 members	Nomination of 6 members – 4 from ruling group (2 members and 2 substitutes) and 2 from opposition group (1 member and 1 substitute) Cannot be member of the Bee Network Committee or the GMCA Ideally those with previous GMCA scrutiny experience	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	
Appointed by GMCA					
Air Quality Administration Committee	11 members	Appointment of 1 member & 1 substitute from each Local Authority	Up to June Annual Meeting	As and when required	

Appointed by Local Authority		Cannot be members of the Air Quality Scrutiny Committee Ideally those with portfolio responsibilities for Clean Air			
Air Quality / Clean Air Scrutiny Committee Appointed by Local Authority	10 members	Appointment of 1 member plus 1 substitute member from each Local Authority Cannot be a member of the Clean Air Scrutiny Cttee Ideally those with portfolio responsibilities for Clean Air	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	
GM Homelessness Programme Board Appointed by the GMCA	10 members	Nomination of 1 member from each Local Authority Ideal those with portfolio responsibility for homelessness	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	
GM Children's Board	10 members	Nomination of 1 member from each Local Authority	Up to June	Monthly	

Appointed by the GMCA		Ideally those with portfolio responsibility for Children	Annual Meeting		
Green City Region Board	10 members	Nomination of 1 member from each Local Authority	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	
Appointed by the GMCA		Ideally those with portfolio responsibility for Low Carbon			

AGMA Nominations and Appointments 2026/27					
Body	Committee size	Appointments/Nominations - Ask of each Local Authority	Length of Term	Meeting requirements	Name, Email Address and Political Party of Nomination/Appointment
AGMA Executive Board Appointed by Local Authority	11 members - 9 Leaders, 1 City Mayor of Salford and GM Mayor	Appointment of 1 member and 1 substitute from each Local Authority Substitute to ideally be the opposite gender from the member to assist with gender balance. Ideally the same appointments as the GMCA member and substitute	Up to June Annual Meeting	X2 a year	
Statutory Functions Committee Appointed by AGMA	10 members	Nomination of 1 member & 1 substitute member from each Local Authority. Recommended that the membership replicates the GM Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee	Up to June Annual Meeting	X2 per year	

AGMA Nominations and Appointments 2026/27					
Police, Crime & Fire Panel and Police and Crime Steering Group Appointed by Local Authority	10 members	Appointment of 1 member & 1 substitute member from each Local Authority Cannot be GMCA Member or Substitute GMCA Member	Up to June Annual Meeting	At least 6 times per year Steering Group is bi-monthly	
GM Health Scrutiny Committee Appointed by Local Authorities	10 members	Appointment of 1 member & 1 substitute member to from each Local Authority Ideally those who are Chair or Vice Chair of local Health Scrutiny Cannot be Executive/Cabinet Members	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	

AGMA Nominations and Appointments 2026/27					
Housing First, Planning, Infrastructure Commission Appointed by AGMA	10 members	Nomination of 1 member from each Local Authority Ideally those with portfolio responsibility for Planning & Housing	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	
GM Pensions Fund Management Panel Appointed by Local Authorities	9 members Lead Authority - (Tameside) appoints its member	Appointment of 1 member Required to be Executive Members (or Portfolios holders) with responsibility for Finance to meet revised governance requirements of trustees	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly Sub-groups may also require attendance	
Note that positions have been filled by the GMCA	1 member invited from across GM	Nomination of 1 member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	

AGMA Nominations and Appointments 2026/27					
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Appointed by AGMA					
Note that positions have been filled by the GMCA Peoples History Museum Appointed by AGMA	1 member invited from across GM Charity Trustee role	Nomination of 1 member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	
Note that positions have been filled by the GMCA Christie Hospital NHS foundation Trust	1 member invited from across GM	Nomination of 1 member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so (Not required this year- Mishal Saeed (Salford City Council) was appointed in 2025/26 for three years	3 years		

AGMA Nominations and Appointments 2026/27					
Appointed by AGMA					
Note that positions have been filled by the GMCA Regional Flood & Coastal Committee Appointed by AGMA	3 members and 3 substitute members, to be invited from across GM	Nomination of 1 member and 1 substitute from each Local Authority, if they wish to do so Ideally members with responsibility for flooding	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	

OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – 2026/27****GM BODIES****RA – Ruling Administration****OPP – Opposition**

Greater Manchester Forests Partnership – 2 places RA Contact: Anne Carpenter, Finance & Admin Officer, Tel: 0161 872 1660. Red Rose Forest, 6 Kansas Avenue, Salford M50 2GL Anne@cityoftrees.org.uk			
			Notes
			Usually Cabinet member for Planning and Environment
Purpose The role of the GM Forests Partnership is to bring synergies and focus to a number of key areas for Greater Manchester including- Highlighting the importance of trees and woods for Greater Manchester for; • climate change adaptation and mitigation • image and inward investment • community health • managing water quality and quantity • biodiversity • timber products Supporting and championing the development of the Manchester: City of Trees movement			
Benefits to Council The Council may contribute via donations or on a commissioned project basis.			
Commitment The Group will meet on quarterly basis			
Financial Commitment (if any)			
Attendance – Requirement			

Greater Manchester Pension Fund Management/Advisory Panel – 1 place

Contact: Mrs C Eaton, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Tel: 0161 342 3050. Democratic Services, Tameside MBC, Room 8, Town Hall, King Street, Dukinfield, Tameside SK16 4LA Carolyn.eaton@tameside.gov.uk

			Notes
			Cabinet Member, same Member to be on both the Greater Manchester Pensions Fund Management Panel and the Greater Manchester Pension Fund Management/ Advisory Panel

Purpose

To manage the pension fund

Benefits to Council**Commitment**

The Greater Manchester Pension Fund Management/Advisory Panel meet 4 times in a municipal year. In addition to this, Members are appointed to Working Groups (usually 2 working groups per Member) which also each meet quarterly.

Meetings are held at Guardsman Tony Downes House, 5 Manchester Road, Droylsden, Manchester. M43 6SF.

Panel meetings usually commence at 10.00am and are approximately 2 ½ hrs in duration. Working Groups meetings commence at a varying times – but are usually in the morning (Thursday/Friday) and can be anywhere between 1 – 2 ½ hrs duration, depending on the Group and the agenda.

Financial Commitment (if any)**Attendance – Requirement**

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Report to COUNCIL

Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances

Officer Contact: Director of Legal (Monitoring Officer)

Report Author: Heather Moore, Assistant Director of Governance
Email: heather.moore@oldham.gov.uk

16 September 2026

Reason for Decision

The Council is required, under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP/Panel) to review and make recommendations to the Council on the range and levels of remuneration for Elected Members. The Council must have regard to the Panel's recommendations before making decisions in relation to members' allowances. Changes to the scheme are proposed by the IRP to support the interim governance mitigations proposed in the absence of a Council Leader.

Recommendations

1. That Council considers the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel, and its recommendations, as set out in Appendix 1, and adopts the interim scheme as set out in Appendix 1, for the remainder of municipal year 2026/27, or until a Council Leader is appointed, effective from 17 September 2026.
2. That the Independent Remuneration Panel be thanked for its report.

Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel**1 Background**

- 1.1 The Council is legally obliged to consider a report from its Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) before making any changes to its scheme of allowances. It is good practice to have the scheme reviewed periodically to ensure that it reflects any changes in the Council's operation.
- 1.2 Members have not received any special responsibility allowances since the annual meeting in May when a Council Leader could not be elected. Interim governance mitigations were established to support the effective running of council services and decision making. A separate report is presented to council on this agenda to consider a full range of mitigating actions to reduce the risk
- 1.3 The Independent Panel has made recommendations for interim changes to the members' allowances scheme in respect special responsibility allowances. The changes are set out within their report attached at Appendix 1. Full Council must now consider the report, have regard to the recommendations and decide whether to make any amendments to the existing scheme.
- 1.4 The IRP also considered travel and subsistence allowances, including updated HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) mileage rates and made recommendations thereon.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel currently comprises three experienced members.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 Whilst the Council has a duty to have regard to the Panel's recommendations, it is the Council's choice whether to accept the Panel's recommendations in whole or in part, or not at all. The Panel have set out their rationale and justification for the changes within their report.

4 Preferred Option

- 4.1 To approve the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 Consultation has taken place with the Independent Remuneration Panel.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 The Council has made provision for the Members' Allowance Scheme within its revenue base budget. The costs associated with the interim Members' Allowance Scheme set out in Appendix 1 will be met from this existing budget provision. As the interim scheme results in lower payments than would be made under the full scheme, an in-year underspend against the budget provision is expected. This underspend will continue to be reported through the Council's 2026/27 revenue monitoring process.

(Vickie Lambert – Finance Manager)

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- 6.2 In relation to mileage, the preferred option is to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to 55p per mile for the first 10,000 miles per annum, while retaining the existing rate of 25p per mile for any mileage incurred thereafter for travel outside of the Borough. It is proposed that this change be implemented with effect from April 2026. In the 2025/26 financial year, total mileage claims submitted by Councillors amounted to £130.50. Had the proposed 55p rate been applied, this would have resulted in an estimated cost of approximately £159.50. This figure is indicative only, as mileage claims are subject to fluctuation year on year. However, it demonstrates that the financial impact of the proposed increase is expected to be minimal and can be accommodated within existing budgets.

(Matthew Kearns – Finance Manager)

7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 requires the Council to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel and to have regard to its recommendations before making or amending a Members' Allowances Scheme. The Council is not bound to accept the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel but must properly consider them before reaching a decision.
- 7.2 Any amendments approved by Council must be incorporated into the Members' Allowances Scheme and published in accordance with the requirements of the 2003 Regulations. The Council must also maintain records of the decision and ensure that any allowances paid are authorised through the adopted Scheme.
- 7.3 The recommendations set out in this report are proposed as interim arrangements pending the appointment of a Council Leader or until such other date as may be determined by Council. Should Council approve the recommendations, the Monitoring Officer is authorised to undertake any consequential amendments to the Members' Allowances Scheme and associated governance documentation required to give effect to the decision.
- 7.4 The proposed allowances relate to interim governance arrangements established following the Council's failure to appoint a Council Leader. The Council must be satisfied that any allowances approved are proportionate to the additional responsibilities being undertaken and represent value for money, having regard to the Independent Remuneration Panel's assessment and recommendations.

Alex Bougatef (Director of Legal – Monitoring Officer)

8. Procurement Implications

- 8.1 None.

9 Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People

- 9.1 No

10 Key Decision

- 10.1 No

11 Key Decision Reference

- 11.1 N/A

12 **Background Papers**

12.1 None.

13 **Appendices**

13.1 Appendix 1 – Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Appendix 1 – Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 require Councils to appoint an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) and to have regard to its recommendations prior to amending their scheme of allowances.
- 1.2 The IRP comprises Peter Claber (Chair), John Barlow and Geoffrey Millard, who have all undertaken the role for many years.
- 1.3 This report presents the recommendations of the IRP regarding allowances associated with the interim governance mitigations in the absence of a Council Leader; the full details of which are subject to a separate report to the Council. The recommendations relate to:
- Political Group Leaders' Consultative Sessions.
 - Interim Lead Member and Deputy Lead Member roles.

The IRP also considered travel and subsistence allowances, including updated HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) mileage rates.

- 1.4 The recommendations seek to ensure that councillors undertaking additional responsibilities are appropriately recognised, whilst maintaining the principles of accountability, transparency and value for money.

2. Background

- 2.1 As part of the Council's interim governance mitigations, political group leaders have been part of consultative meetings prior to the Chief Executive making decisions under emergency provisions set out in the constitution.
- 2.2 The Independent Remuneration Panel has considered the nature of these responsibilities, the expected workload and comparative approaches used elsewhere in local government. In developing its recommendations, the Panel has applied the same principles previously used when determining the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme, including the application of a public service discount, and use of data published by the Office for National Statistics in regard to its Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings.

3. Methodology

- 3.1 The Panel considered:
- The responsibilities associated with the proposed roles.
 - Expected time commitments.
 - Benchmarking against existing Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs).
 - The approach adopted in the Council's current allowances scheme.
 - The principle that elected members voluntarily undertake a proportion of their duties in the public interest, reflected through the public service discount already embedded within the Council's allowances methodology.
 - Office for National Statistics (ONS) median full-time hourly earnings data for Oldham (£17.81 per hour for 2025) as a reasonable basis for calculating the value of time committed to additional duties.

4. Political Group Leaders' Consultative Sessions

4.1 Role and Responsibilities

4.1.1 The Panel considered the role undertaken by Political Group Leaders and Deputy Leaders through the Leaders' Consultative Sessions.

4.1.2 The sessions are held fortnightly and require members to undertake duties substantially beyond those expected of an ordinary councillor. Responsibilities include:

- Reviewing detailed reports and supporting documentation.
- Considering equality impact assessments and supporting evidence.
- Identifying key issues and risks.
- Researching relevant matters.
- Consulting within their political groups.
- Preparing questions and responses.
- Briefing group members on key issues and outcomes.
- Supporting the effective operation of the Council's governance arrangements.

4.1.3 The Panel concluded that participation in these sessions represents a significant commitment of time and responsibility.

4.1.4 The Panel estimated an average commitment of approximately 25 hours per month. Using the ONS median hourly earnings figure for Oldham of £17.81 per hour:

- 25 hours × £17.81 = £445.25

Applying the previously agreed public service discount of 40% (used in the 2026/2027 members' allowances scheme) to calculate the allowances for the Leaders' Consultative Sessions would mean:-

- £445.25 less 40% = £267.15 per month, which equates to £133.58 per meeting.

4.1.5 The Panel noted that this is comparable with for example, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), where substitute members of Overview and Scrutiny receive an allowance of £144.00 for each meeting they attend. In addition, the GMCA provide a fixed annual allowance of £571 to substitute members of Overview and Scrutiny.

4.1.6 The Panel does not recommend a fixed annual allowance and instead supports an attendance-based approach which reflects actual participation.

4.1.7 The Panel recommends that the allowance be paid for the full attendance and preparation for these meetings. For clarification, the IRP wished to include an example in their report of when the allowance would not apply. This included if the member arrived late or left early, as the Panel wished to strongly convey that attendance was required in full, including preparation for the meeting.

4.1.8 The Panel estimates that approximately 16 consultative meetings will take place between implementation and April 2027. Therefore, if one member attended all 16 sessions the maximum allowance payable would be c£2137.28. The Panel noted that the number of meetings was an estimation and may be higher or lower.

4.1.9 The Panel noted there are currently 6 political groups, therefore the allowance could be payable to up to 12 members if all were present. The Panel recommended that the allowance apply to any eligible political groups.

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- 4.1.10 The Panel noted that the proposal represented a significant saving in comparison to the current members' allowances scheme.

Recommendation

That Council approves an allowance of £133.58 for full attendance and participation in Political Group Leaders' Consultative Sessions, payable as a retrospective payment based on attendance.

5. Interim Lead Member and Deputy Lead Member Roles

- 5.1 The interim governance mitigations include the establishment of interim Lead Member and Deputy Lead Member roles covering the four directorates. The Panel reviewed the proposed role profiles and concluded that the positions involve substantial time commitment, and also responsibilities including:

- Acting in an advisory capacity.
- Receiving service briefings.
- Demonstrating political oversight in relation to statutory inspection readiness.
- Advocating on behalf of services.
- Championing directorate priorities.
- Presenting reports to the full Council.
- Reviewing significant volumes of information and performance data.

The Panel noted that the roles did not include executive decision making powers, or the ability to direct officers.

The Panel noted the significant breadth of the areas across the four directorates. For example, Children and Young People encompasses areas typically covered by multiple cabinet positions.

- 5.2 The Panel considered the existing Cabinet Member Special Responsibility Allowance as the nearest comparable role. Recognising that Lead Members will not exercise executive decision-making powers but will nonetheless undertake substantial responsibilities, the Panel recommends an allowance equivalent to 60% of the Cabinet Member allowance. This would be £13,464.36 per annum (before application of any pay award increase), noting that there were approximately 7 months remaining of the municipal year.
- 5.3 The Panel considered the Deputy Cabinet Member arrangements as the most appropriate comparator. Applying the same methodology, the Panel recommends an allowance equivalent to 60% of the Deputy Cabinet Member allowance. This would be £5,610.15 per annum (before application of any pay award increase).
- 5.4 The Panel also reviewed responsibilities undertaken in connection with Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) activity and considered that remuneration for these duties should continue in line with the current scheme. The allowance is £6,708.52 per annum.

Recommendation

That Council approves an allowance of £13,464.36 per annum for interim Lead Members and an allowance of £5,610.15 per annum for Deputy Lead Members (before application of any pay award increase).

That the GMCA allowance be payable during this interim period to the member who assumes this responsibility.

6. Mileage and Travel Allowances

- 6.1 The Panel has also reviewed the travel allowance provisions within the Members' Allowances Scheme in light of the national changes made by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC). HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) Approved Mileage Allowance Payments are intended to reimburse individuals who use their own vehicles for approved business travel. The rates can be paid without creating a tax liability for the recipient where they do not exceed HMRC approved levels.
- 6.2 Under the Scheme of Members Allowances approved by Council in March 2026 Elected Members are currently permitted to claim 45p per mile for first 10,000 miles, outside the borough, per annum and a rate of 25p per mile over 10,000 miles, outside the borough.
- 6.3 The current HMRC approved mileage rate is 55p per mile for the first 10,000 miles per annum and 25p per mile thereafter for mileage outside of the Borough. The IRP recommend that this apply from 1 April 2026. This option ensures alignment with HMRC Advisory Mileage Allowance Payments and maintains consistency between Elected Members and Council staff.

Recommendation

That the Council updates its Members' Allowances Scheme to reflect the current HMRC Approved Mileage Allowance Payment rates and delegates authority to the Assistant Director of Governance to make future administrative updates where HMRC mileage rates change, ensuring that member travel reimbursement remains aligned with national taxation guidance.

7. Financial Implications

The IRP noted that the financial impact of the recommendations in their report will be met from existing budgets allocated to support the Council's governance arrangements.

The attendance-based approach for Leaders' Consultative Sessions ensures that payments are only made where duties have actually been undertaken.

8. Conclusion

The Independent Remuneration Panel considers that the proposed allowances appropriately recognise the significant additional responsibilities associated with the Council's interim governance arrangements.

The recommendations provide a balanced approach that:

- Reflects the time commitment required.
- Aligns with existing remuneration principles.
- Maintains the public service discount approach previously adopted by the Council.
- Supports effective governance and democratic accountability.
- Ensures travel reimbursement arrangements remain aligned with current HMRC guidance.

9. Recommendations

Council is recommended to adopt the following recommendations numbered 1 to 5 with effect from 17 September until a Council Leader is appointed, or the end of the municipal year 2026/2027, or a point determined by the Council.

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1. That Council approves an allowance of £133.58 for full attendance and participation in Political Group Leaders' Consultative Sessions, payable as a retrospective payment based on attendance.
 2. Approve a Special Responsibility Allowance for Interim Lead Members of £13,464.36 per annum.
 3. Approve a Special Responsibility Allowance for Interim Deputy Lead Members of £5,610.15.
 4. Approve continuation of the allowance associated with GMCA responsibilities of £6,708.52 per annum.
 5. Amend the Members' Allowances Scheme to reflect the current HMRC Approved Mileage Allowance Payment rates.
 6. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Governance to make future administrative amendments to mileage rates where HMRC changes its approved rates.

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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 ●
Opposition Motion 3: Request for a Revision of Don't Trash Oldham	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. Director of Environment to provide information to Councillor Byrne	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 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. The Cabinet Member committed to bringing this back to a future council meeting.	✓

Actions from the Council meeting on 12 November 2025

Council Agenda item	Action/Issue	Responsible Member/Officer	Update	Completed ✓ In progress ●
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: - Developing a multi-storey or expanded car park at or near Royal Oldham Hospital; - Introducing fair and affordable parking arrangements for patients attending A&E, those with regular appointments, and NHS staff; - Creating dedicated parking directly opposite the A&E department for patients attending A&E only; - Improving access and facilities for wheelchair users and those with mobility needs.	Mike Barker	A meeting was organised between the Leader, reps from NCA & Deputy Chief Executive (Place) however the resignation of Cllr Shah as Leader and the lack of a new administration placed this on hold.	●
	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	NCA undertook to report on this matter to the Joint Scrutiny Committee for the Northern Care Alliance	✓
	3. Request that Oldham's Members of Parliament lobby the national government and publicly support a campaign for better parking provision for Oldham residents attending Royal Oldham Hospital.	Chief Executive	Letters sent to Oldham's MP's. Jim McMahon indicated his ongoing support	✓

Notice of Opposition Business: Motion 1: Tackling the Anti-Social Use of Off-Road Motorbikes, E-Bikes and E-Scooters	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. 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. 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. 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.	1. & 2. Chief Executive 3.& 4. Mike Barker & Nasir Dad	Letters and reminders sent, awaiting replies 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. Work is ongoing to expedite this resolution	

Actions from the Council meeting on 10th December 2025

Council Agenda item	Action/Issue	Responsible Member/Officer	Update	Completed ✓ In progress ●
Motion 2 – Administration Business: Fairer parking at Manchester Airport	RESOLVED 1. That the Council formally supports Jim McMahon MP's campaign for fairer and more transparent parking charges at Manchester Airport. 2. That the Council requests that the Chief Executive write to Manchester Airport Group urging: ○ A review of the current charging structure with a view to reducing costs. ○ Improved signage and introduction of a “tap-out” payment option at exit points. ○ Publication of data on income from drop-off and pick-up charges. ○ A fair and accessible appeals process that does not increase penalties for unsuccessful appeals. ○ That the Council requests that the Chief Executive write to the Mayor of Greater Manchester and Leaders of the other 9 GM Local Authorities to share this motion seek wider regional support.	Chief Executive	Letters and emails sent awaiting replies. Further letters and emails forwarded still awaiting appropriate replies. Similar Motions proposed and approved at other Greater Manchester Authorities	✓

Opposition Motion 3: Ensuring Statutory Scrutiny and Enforceability for Places for Everyone Masterplans	RESOLVED: 1) That the Beal Valley-Broadbent Moss masterplan (and future PfE masterplans) shall be pursued and adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), requiring: Council-led public consultation (min. 4 weeks, Regulation 12). Sustainability appraisal. Formal adoption by Cabinet, with Overview and Scrutiny Committee review. 2) That the Council's Monitoring Officer shall: Confirm the masterplan's progression to SPD status within 3 months. Advise on any procedural adjustments. Ensure no non-statutory "agreement" precedes SPD adoption. 3) That all PfE-related planning applications shall reference the adopted SPD as a material consideration, decided by the Planning Committee or delegated officers, with full transparency. 4) That Officers be requested to report progress to the Cabinet meeting, scheduled to be held on 19th January 2026, including timelines for consultation and adoption.	Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive	Reports presented to Scrutiny Board and Cabinet. An update report is being presented to Council on 16th September 2026.	●
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Actions from the Council meeting on 25th March 2026

Administration Motion 2: Tackling the anti-social use of Fireworks	Resolved: 1. To request that the Chief Executive write to the three MPs representing the Borough of Oldham, asking them to continue supporting Yasmin Qureshi	Chief Executive	Letters forwarded to the Borough's three MP's and to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government	✓
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	MP's Bill on Fireworks which would introduce a maximum decibel level of 90dB. 2. To request that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, urging the introduction of legislation giving councils' powers to regulate and enforce firework usage. 3. Renew our call for Government to introduce legislation to: a. Limit the maximum noise level of fireworks sold for private use to 90dB. b. Review current laws on sale and use, including requiring purchasers to state when, how and where fireworks will be used. c. Strengthen restrictions on how, when and where fireworks can be purchased, including online sales and transaction volumes. d. Restrict sales to 'all year round' retailers to reduce risks from temporary 'pop-up' sellers. 4. Write to all local event venues reminding them of the law and exploring the possibility of requiring registration/licensing for firework use. 5. Introduce a requirement for community notification of firework use by venues hosting private events. 6. Require all public firework displays within the borough to be advertised in advance,			
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	allowing residents to take precautions for animals and vulnerable people.			
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Actions from the Council meeting on 15th July 2026

Notice of Motion 3 Fair and Affordable School Uniforms for Oldham Families	Council resolved to: 1. To write to all schools, governing bodies, and multi-academy trusts operating in Oldham, urging them to: • Comply fully with the statutory cap on compulsory branded items ahead of its commencement in September 2026 and go further than the statutory minimum wherever possible. • Avoid exclusive single-supplier arrangements. • Permit multiple retailers to stock any branded items that remain compulsory. • Ensure uniforms are affordable, durable, and widely accessible; including generic items not covered by the statutory cap. • Expand and actively promote pre-loved and recycled uniform schemes. 2. To request that all schools and academy trusts provide a written response to the Council within six months of the Act's commencement in September 2026, detailing: • Confirmation of their compliance with the statutory cap on compulsory branded	Chief Executive	A reply from J. Watson, Ministerial and Public Communications Division, Department for Education is attached at Appendix 2	✓
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	items under the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026. • Whether they have an exclusive supplier arrangement for any remaining branded or generic items, and the reasons for it. • The steps taken to ensure value for money and quality for parents on items outside the statutory cap. • The measures that are in place to support low-income families and promote uniform reuse. 3. To instruct appropriate Council officers to engage with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the Greater Manchester People Inclusion Standards to develop a region-wide approach to affordable uniforms and greater supplier competition. 4. To establish an Oldham School Uniform Charter, inviting schools and trusts to voluntarily commit to: going beyond the statutory minimum set out in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 by: • Promoting fair competition between suppliers. • Maximising choice and quality for parents and carers. • Supporting uniform recycling, reuse, and swap shop initiatives.			
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	1. Request that the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertake a formal review of school uniform affordability in Oldham within 12 months, gathering evidence on exclusive supplier arrangements and their impact on families and reporting back with recommendations. 2. Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education, welcoming the statutory cap on branded uniform items introduced by the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, while calling for further national guidance to prevent monopolistic supply arrangements for uniform items that fall outside the cap. 3. This Council further resolves to stand with Oldham families and campaign unapologetically for a fair, competitive, and affordable school uniform system that puts the interests of children and parents before commercial monopolies.			
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Actions from the Extraordinary Council meeting on 20th August 2026

Leader of the Council (Minute 4)	Council resolved that the Monitoring Officer would write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, regarding the Council's governance arrangements.	Chief Executive	A reply from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, is awaited	●
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