

**Oldham Borough Council  
Record of Decision**



1. **TITLE:** Priority Programme Fund - Legal and Advice Service

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Revenues and Benefits

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To allocate grant funding from the Priority Programme Fund (PPF) for legal and advice services and renewing existing grants for one year (2023/24).

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Member - Enterprise, Deputy Chief Executive -

5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - To renew the grant agreement for one year (in 2023/24): this would sustain funding enabling the Citizen's Advice to continue to provide services to residents at a time when demand for advice and support is increasing due to cost of living increases and their impacts

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

To seek the Cabinet member's authority to allocate grant funding from the Priority Programme Fund (PPF) for legal and advice services and renewing existing grants for one year (2023/24).

7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Option 1 – Decommissioning: This is not regarded as a viable option. For Citizen's Advice this would represent the loss of their core funding and may result in a significant reduction in the services they are able to offer and could result in closure of the service.

Option 2 – Renew the grant agreement for one year (2023/24): This would sustain funding enabling Citizen's Advice to continue to provide services to residents at a time when demand for advice and support is increasing due to cost of living increases and their impacts.

8. **INTERESTS AND NATURE OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

None

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Priority Programme Fund - Legal and Advice Service