

Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting
Wednesday 8 November 2017**

OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

To: ALL MEMBERS OF OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL,
CIVIC CENTRE, OLDHAM

Tuesday, 31 October 2017

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 8 November 2017 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, for the following purposes:

Open Council

- 1 Questions to Cabinet Members from the public and Councillors on ward or district issues

(15 minutes for public questions and 25 minutes for Councillor questions)

Formal Council

- 2 To receive apologies for absence
- 3 To order that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th September 2017 be signed as a correct record (Pages 1 - 38)
- 4 To receive declarations of interest in any matter to be determined at the meeting
- 5 To deal with matters which the Mayor considers to be urgent business
- 6 To receive communications relating to the business of the Council
- 7 To receive and note petitions received relating to the business of the Council (Pages 39 - 40)

(time limit 20 minutes)

- 8 Outstanding Business from the previous meeting

(time limit 15 minutes).

Councillor Roberts to MOVE and Councillor S. Bashforth to SECOND:

This council notes that:

1. DEFRA published the policy paper 'Air Quality Plan for nitrogen dioxide' in July 2017 which sets out the Government's strategy to reduce nitrogen dioxide pollution and promises to make the UK a global leader in air quality
2. Evidence from the World Health Organisation, Public Health England and the Royal College of Physicians outlines the damaging impact of poor air quality on our health, disproportionately affecting children, older people, people with pre-existing heart conditions and people on lower incomes
3. Oldham has been designated as "urban with major conurbation", which puts us

in the top 23% most urban Local Authority Districts. DEFRA has also placed Oldham within the “above the legal limit but no feasibility study needs to be done” category for air pollution, showing that Oldham’s urban nature affects the levels of pollution within the area.

4. Oldham’s nitrogen dioxide level is above the legal limit
5. Oldham is making progress towards reaching the legal limit and is expected to achieve this by 2021, however more can be done

This council welcomes the Air Quality Plan as far as it goes, but believes that action needs to be taken at a local, Greater Manchester and national level to increase the rate of progress and keep levels to the legal limit in the future.

This council resolves

1. To ask the Health and Well Being Board’s Air Quality Sub Group to move as quickly as possible to produce an Air Quality Improvement Scheme for Oldham which should include what we as individuals can do, as well as action by Oldham Council and by Greater Manchester bodies
2. To press Transport for Greater Manchester and Greater Manchester Combined Authority to develop a more inclusive approach to improving air quality including
 - a. Improving orbital public transport links
 - b. Improving connectivity between city centres e.g. by revising the Low Carbon Strategy to include measures which will help Oldham
 - c. Investing in cycling lanes and facilities in the outer boroughs
3. To inform and support the Greater Manchester bid for the maximum possible funding from the Clean Air Fund to support local action
4. To support the wider use of low emission vehicles e.g. by encouraging the installation of charging points for electric cars

9 Leader's Annual Statement

10 Youth Council

(time limit 20 minutes)

The Youth Council believes that work experience is an essential component of young people’s transition into responsible and confident citizens, and is an excellent introduction into the world of work. These short term placements inside an organisation help young people become acquainted with the work place, which will improve their employability skills to create well-rounded individuals. It may also provide an insight into a particular industry which can help decide their future career paths.

The Youth Council is aware of a survey by the City & Guilds vocational training organisation, about 80 per cent of employers think work experience is essential and two-thirds of employers would be more likely to hire a young person with work experience over someone with none. There are also multiple benefits for the local community when businesses offer work experience to young people not least due to the links forged which may help get a foot in the door of the world of employment, and the firm may find that they have an enthusiastic and experienced new recruit on their hands in the future. The Youth Council believes that if a young person has a worthwhile work experience in Oldham, it can only incentivise them to remain in the area after completing their education or training as they have become more aware of the career possibilities on their doorstep. They have a goal to aim for, and as a result have a purpose to work hard to gain the relevant qualifications after completing work

experience, thus raising both aspirations and academic achievements in the town. Indeed, people who had four or more interactions with employers during their schooling years were five times less likely to be unemployed at the end of them, according to recent research.

Throughout Oldham, however, provision is inconsistent as work experience is not a statutory obligation in schools. It can often be challenging for young people to find suitable placements themselves, and as a consequence many miss out on this vital experience.

As a Youth Council which strives to represent the views of young people and champion their issues, we feel that it would be imperative to urge the Council to take this issue seriously. In this year's UK Youth Parliament's Make Your Mark campaign we balloted over 17,000 young people which represents approximately 70% of Oldham's 11 – 18 year olds (the 2nd highest turnout in the UK #JustSaying). Work Experience hubs for 11-18 year olds, was the number one issue that our young people were concerned about, with over 2600 voting for this topic.

The Youth Council's long term commitment to campaigning for a Curriculum for Life, an educational experience which adequately prepares students for responsible adulthood, also extends to a genuine demand for work experience which is beneficial to both parties involved and leaves young people feeling optimistic for their future. The Youth Council believes that it is an invaluable opportunity and it should not be decided on by the connections your family has or a postcode lottery that your school has the resources and a well-developed work experience programme.

The Youth Council would like to take this opportunity to recognise the work done at Oldham Council for the past overview and scrutiny of the work experience provided in Oldham. From this work we know that schools may not offer any work experience opportunities, some may offer a small cohort of placements and only a tiny majority of schools organise work experience for an entire year group. With our Make Your Mark results the Youth Council plan to work closely with organisations such as Get Oldham Working and Positive Steps to see how this offer can be increased and how young people can be supported so they are aware of how to maximise their usage. The Youth Council also hope to look at the feasibility of a face to face or an online work experience hub.

However, there is only so much that the Youth Council is able to do and we call on the Council to support the following resolution:

The Youth Council ask Council to resolve:

That Oldham Council recognises that Oldham is committed to providing quality work experience opportunities for all its young people and write to the Secretary of State for Education and the three MPs in our area asking that work experience arrangements becomes a statutory duty for all schools.

11 Leader and Cabinet Question Time

(time limit 30 minutes – maximum of 2 minutes per question and 2 minutes per response)

12 To note the Minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on the undermentioned dates, including the attached list of urgent key decisions taken since the last meeting of the Council, and to receive any questions or observations on any items within the Minutes from Members of the Council who are not Members of the Cabinet, and receive

responses from Cabinet Members (Pages 41 - 54)

(time limit 20 minutes):-

- a) 21st August 2017
- b) 18th September 2017
- c) Urgent Key decisions - 21st November 2016 - 27th October 2017

13 Notice of Administration Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Motion 1

Councillor Jabbar to MOVE and Councillor Harrison to SECOND:

This Council considers its duty towards Children's Social Care and Early Help to be one of its most important statutory duties. It is vitally important that the Council provides as comprehensive a service as possible to ensure that children have the best start in life. Therefore, the Council notes with grave concern that across England:

- Approximately 350 Sure Start centres have closed since 2010.
- Child poverty is now at its highest level since 2010, with 100,000 children nationally in relative poverty and 4 million children considered to be in poor households.
- The analysis by the Local Government Association that suggests that: 75% of councils exceed their children's social care budget to a total of £605 million, that councils are dealing with an increase in demand with child protection inquiries up by 140% in the last 10 years and that Children's services face a £2bn shortfall by 2020.
- A survey conducted by Action for Children outlines that 53% of Conservative Councillors are concerned that recent funding cuts make it more difficult for local councils to deliver legally required responsibilities for children and young people, with three quarters saying that in the long term children services is a major cause for concern.

Council further notes that:

- The Council has invested an additional £4m into Children's Services in this financial year. This is to cover the cost of the vast increase in demand. As this trend is expected to continue, the budget reduction requirement for 2018/19, has been increased by £4m to reflect this
- Despite this in year investment, our Month 3 Financial Monitoring report considered by Cabinet on 23 September showed a projected overspend of £1.066m on Children's Social Care. This is clearly challenging in the context of cuts to the Council's budget totalling £202m over the period 2009/10 to 2017/18 and the use of £6.5m of reserves to balance the 2017/18 revenue budget. As a result of the increased funding requirement in addition to Government funding cuts, the Council currently faces a budget reduction target of £24.8m for 2018/19 with further cuts required in future years.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- Make urgent representations to the Chancellor of the Exchequer outlining the Council's continuing struggle to meet its statutory requirements with the funding available, and request the release of adequate funds so that the Council can

- properly safeguard its children's services.
- Make representations to Robert Goodwill MP, the Minister of State for Children and Families, outlining the Council's continuing struggle to meet its statutory requirements with the funding available, requesting that the Minister lobbies the Chancellor of the Exchequer for adequate funds so that the Council can properly safeguard its children's services.
- To write to the Local Government Association expressing the Council's support for the organisation's lobbying for adequate funding for Children's Services.
- To write to the borough's three MPs asking that they continue to lobby government for adequate funding for the Council's children's services.

Motion 2

Councillor Moores to MOVE and Councillor Ball to SECOND:

This Council

- i. Recognises the importance of local action in coordinating and commissioning accessible and effective HIV testing to reach the undiagnosed and reduce late HIV diagnosis
- ii. Commits to strengthening its own provision of HIV testing services through working with local providers of Sexual Health Services, NHS partners, HIV charities and patient groups
- iii. Recognises that late HIV diagnosis is a Public Health Outcomes Indicator in the Public Health Outcomes Framework
- iv. Recognises the volume and quality of public health and local government guidelines and performance indicators designed to support local authority implementation and monitoring of appropriate and effective testing guidelines

The council further notes,

- i. That an estimated 101,200 people were living in the UK with HIV in 2015; 13% of people were undiagnosed and unaware of their condition. It is estimated that 984 people are currently living with undiagnosed HIV across Greater Manchester.
- ii. HIV testing is integral to the treatment and management of HIV. With an early diagnosis and put on a clear treatment pathway and guaranteed access to antiretroviral therapy (ART), people living with HIV can expect to have a near-normal life expectancy and live healthy and active lives.
- iii. Oldham's HIV testing coverage has significantly declined. The testing coverage rate for men has increased both regionally and nationally while Oldham's rate decreased slightly by 3.7 percentage points. Over the same period, there has been a sharp decrease in the testing coverage for women in Oldham particularly since 2013 while decreases regional or national level have been less severe. Testing coverage for Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) was similar to national rates.
- iv. Late diagnosis is the most important factor associated with HIV-related morbidity and mortality in the UK (BASHH 2008). There is an impact of late diagnosis on individual health, public health and health budgets. Late diagnosis increases the likelihood of the need for complex and expensive treatment and the risk of onward transmission to others. In 2015 39% of people were diagnosed with HIV at a late stage of infection (with a CD4 count <350 cells per mm³)
- v. The lifetime treatment cost of living with HIV is estimated to be around

- £360,000. Late diagnosis increases further the cost of HIV treatment by 50%.
- vi. Developing a Greater Manchester city-region approach to the eradication of HIV within a generation is an objective of the Greater Manchester Population Health Plan.

Recognising the weight of evidence in favour of expanding local HIV testing services, Oldham council resolves to:

- Work, with partners, towards attaining the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS 90-90-90 targets;
90% of all people living with HIV will know their status
90% of all people living with HIV will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART)
90% of all people living with HIV on ART will have durable viral suppression.
- Support the Greater Manchester (GM) city region approach to eradicating HIV within a generation.

Council further resolves to:

- Ask the Director of Public Health to provide a report outlining what needs to be done locally in the commissioning and provision of services in order to support the 90-90-90 targets and GMs ambition to eradicate HIV within a generation.
- Work with sexual health services to address the decline in HIV testing rates for men and women in the borough.
- Adopt the GM model to increase HIV testing and associated interventions.
- Support the provider of our Specialist Sexual Health Service to successfully implement the NHS England funded Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) HIV prevention programme. Pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, is a way for people who do not have HIV, but who are at substantial risk of HIV infection to reduce their risk of acquiring HIV.
- Promote the National HIV Testing Week which starts on the 18th November 2017

Motion 3

Councillor Ali to MOVE and Councillor Jacques to SECOND:

This Council notes with great concern that Greater Manchester Police's budget has been reduced by £180m since 2010, reducing nearly a quarter of its front-line officers and 1,000 support staff as government austerity budgets sought to reduce the cost of Britain's public services.

With 6,200 officers, reduced from 8,000 a decade ago, GMP is so stretched that officers from specialist divisions are being drafted in to help with community policing. Officers are being directed away from the Serious Crime Unit, which usually deals with robbery, kidnapping, and drug dealers.

In Oldham, 4,839 more crimes were reported per annum in 2017 than in 2011, an increase of 27%. This reflects the regional picture, with crime up across Greater Manchester by 13% in the same period. Oldham performs worse in 11 of the 17 categories identified by official police and crime statistics which include huge rises in violence (131%), shoplifting (75%) and public order offences (244%).

The Government has not protected police budgets as promised. Home Office Figures in England and Wales between September 2010 and September 2016 record that the number of police officers fell by 18,991, or 13%. The problem is compounded by

sickness absence rates. Nearly 2,500 officers - about 2% of the total workforce - were classified as being on long term sick leave, an 11.5% increase on 2015. Overall police budgets, excluding counter-terrorism grants, fell by 20% between 2010 and 2015 which is completely unsustainable.

This Council condemns these cuts in policing in the strongest possible terms threatening as they do the excellent policing we have in Oldham and putting at risk the safety and security of our local diverse community.

This Council resolves to:

- Instruct the Chief Executive to convey this Motion and the Council's strong concerns about these matters to the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the Home Secretary.
- Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary asking her to increase Police numbers in order to safeguard our residents and communities.

14 Notice of Opposition Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Motion 1

Councillor Murphy to MOVE and Councillor Harkness to SECOND:

This Council notes, with great sadness, that:

- There is growing evidence that the use of acid and other corrosive substances as a weapon in violent attacks is increasing.
- Victims of these crimes are often left with life changing injuries as well as long-term psychological and emotional damage,
- Data collected by the National Police Chiefs' Council covering a six month period between November 2016 and April 2017 identified 408 attacks involving corrosive substances across 39 police forces. 21% of offenders were found to be 18 years or under.

Council welcomes:

- The recognition by the British Government that the law is currently unsatisfactory as the products are legal for anyone to purchase, but shops are required to report suspicious sales.
- The recent Home Office consultation on proposals to enact new legislation in which retailers will be committing a criminal offence if they sell products containing harmful corrosive substances in shops or on-line to persons under 18 and where a new offence will be created of possessing a corrosive substance in a public place.
- Proposals by other Councils to roll out voluntary schemes urging shopkeepers not to support sales of corrosive products which contain acid or ammonia to under 21 year olds in advance of future legislation.

This Council resolves to:

- Ask the Overview and Scrutiny Board, with the Trading Standards team and retailers' associations, to examine the merits and practicalities of introducing such a voluntary scheme in this borough in advance of new legislation, and to report back their findings to full Council.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Borough's three Members of Parliament and the Mayor of Greater Manchester to request they make representations to Government ministers supporting the urgent introduction of new legislation to regulate

the sale of these substances and to outlaw under-age sales.

Motion 2

Councillor McCann to MOVE and Councillor Sykes to SECOND:

This Council notes that:

- The Government have recently announced that the Support for Mortgage Interest Scheme (or SMI), administered by the Department of Work and Pensions, will come to an end on 5 April 2018.
- Homeowners who are on a qualifying benefit for long enough can currently receive help towards the interest charges on a mortgage or eligible home improvement loan.
- From 6 April 2018, new and existing claimants will instead be offered SMI loans; there will be no transitional protection.
- If a loan is not accepted, SMI will end and claimants will start to accrue mortgage arrears, putting their home at risk.
- If the loan is accepted, homeowners will have to repay the loan, including accrued interest if there is sufficient equity, once the property is sold or ownership is transferred.
- The Department for Work and Pensions has estimated that of the 140,000 households currently receiving SMI around 50% are of pension age.

Council is concerned that:

- Such claimants will end up being in further debt should they choose to participate in the new scheme.
- Other claimants who do not take up the loan may find themselves in mortgage arrears and be evicted.
- There is no transitional protection scheme for existing claimants.
- As claimants fall into more debt, or are faced with homelessness, they will make a greater call on Council services and those provided by partner agencies (such as the Oldham Food Bank) placing these under greater strain.

Council believes that the proposals are grossly unfair as:

- Tenants living in social or private rented housing can receive housing benefit payments that are greater than those made to homeowners through SMI.
- Existing claimants are immediately affected without being offered access to transitional protection.
- Older homeowners with an interest-only mortgage will be hardest hit.

Council resolves to:

- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Minister responsible outlining our concerns and objections, and to our three local MPs asking them to make representations on this matter.
- Ask the Cabinet Member responsible to ask officers to draw up a briefing paper for Councillors identifying what the impact of these changes will be in Oldham and what actions can be taken by the Council and its partners to mitigate them.

Motion 3

Councillor Gloster to MOVE and Councillor Turner to SECOND:

Council notes with grave concern that children's Halloween and other seasonal / themed party costumes are classed in law as 'toys' and are not subject to the rigorous standards of fire retardancy required of other children's clothing.

Tragically this leads to unnecessary deaths or injuries to children when these flammable items are exposed to heat.

Council notes that the British Retail Consortium has just introduced voluntary guidelines for manufacturers, to reduce the speed at which these costumes will burn, but these remain voluntary guidelines and regrettably they do not require manufacturers to make such costumes fire-proof.

Council welcomes the work done by officers of the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service to raise public awareness of the risks and supports the aspiration of the Association of Chief Fire Officers that such costumes should be reclassified as 'clothing'.

Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the relevant Government Minister and to the three MPs representing this Borough asking them to support the urgent introduction of the necessary legislation or regulations to bring this about to prevent any further needless deaths and injuries of this nature.

- 15 To note the Minutes of the following Partnership meetings and the relevant a spokespersons to respond to questions from Members (Pages 55 - 74)

(time limit 7 minutes)

Unity Partnership Board	27 th June 2017
MioCare Group	31 st July 2017
Health and Wellbeing Board	27 th June 2017

- 15 To note the Minutes of the following Joint Authority meetings and the relevant b spokespersons to respond to questions from Members (Pages 75 - 130)

(time limit 8 minutes):-

Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority	31 st August 2017 8 th September 2017 21 st September 2017
Police and Crime Panel	5 th June 2017
Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)	29 th September 2017
Transport for Greater Manchester	15 th September 2017
National Peak Park Authority	7 th July 2017 (AGM)

- 16 Update on Actions from Council (Pages 131 - 182)
- 17 Youth Justice Strategic Plan (Pages 183 - 214)
- 18 Parliamentary Boundary Review 2018 (Pages 215 - 294)
Due to the size of the appendix 2 to this report, hard copies will be made available for

inspection at the Civic Centre. Copies can be obtained at Access Oldham, Rochdale Road Reception and the Member Group Rooms

19 District Plans and Spending Guidance (Pages 295 - 336)

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Wilkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Carolyn Wilkins
Chief Executive**

PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE OF MOTIONS
NO AMENDMENT

MOTION – Mover of the Motion to MOVE



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DEBATE ON THE MOTION: Include Timings



MOVER of Motion – Right of Reply



VOTE – For/Against/Abstain



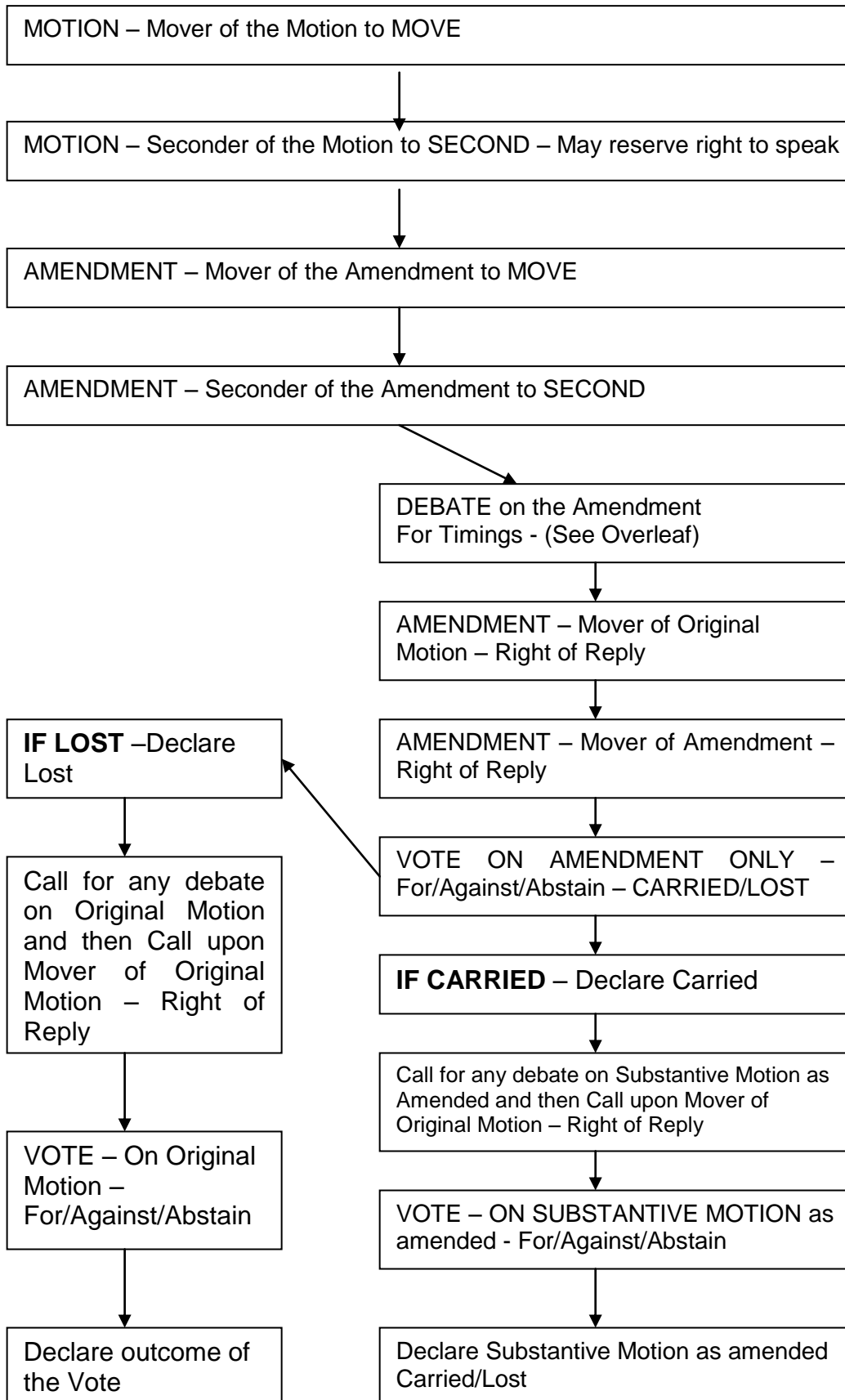
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RULE ON TIMINGS

(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 question will have up to six minutes to reply to each question with an extension of 30 seconds

WITH AMENDMENT





COUNCIL
13/09/2017 at 6.00 pm

Present: The Mayor – Councillor Qumer (Chair)

Councillors Akhtar, Ali, Ball, M Bashforth, S Bashforth, Bates, Briggs, Brownridge, Chadderton, Chauhan, Dean, Fielding, Garry, Gloster, Goodwin, Harkness, Harrison, Heffernan, Hewitt, Hudson, A Hussain, F Hussain, Iqbal, Jabbar, Jacques, Klonowski, J Larkin, Malik, McCann, McLaren, Moores, Murphy, Mushtaq, Phythian, Price, Rehman, Roberts, Salamat, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Stretton, Sykes, Toor, Turner, Ur-Rehman, Williamson, Williams and Wrigglesworth

1 TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Stretton and seconded by Councillor Sykes, that under Council Procedure Rule 8.4C that the order of business be changed so that Item 6, Communications, be considered at Item 1.

On being put the vote, the motion was agreed Unanimously.

Council held a minute's silence in memory of all those affected by the recent tragic events around the world.

2 QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS FROM THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS ON WARD OR DISTRICT ISSUES

The Mayor advised the meeting that the next item on the agenda in Open Council was Public Question Time. The questions had been received from members of the public and would be taken in the order in which they had been received. Council was advised that if a questioner was not present, then the question would appear on the screens in the Council Chamber.

The following questions had been submitted:

1. Question received from Syed Maruf Ali via Facebook:

“Hi can you raise this at the full council meeting please. Who's responsible is it to maintain the Tudor Pitch in Coppice? The health and wellbeing of our community is never more important to get right. The levels of obesity are rising and we want to do something about it. Some of the residents have been at the heart of our community for a very long time and advocated providing facilities to local communities. The state of the Tudor Football Pitch is outdated and is need of repair. When it rains it causes health and safety hazard. We now need to address the outside areas and working with our Cllr's, Oldham Authority and St Thomas School to provide a 4G pitch.

Our deserving community require first class facility in order to make a real difference. Coppice/Werneth has long been overlooked for such a facility and many people have to travel across the Ward in Hollins, Failsworth and other areas to access decent training venues or play matches because the pitch is not suitable. Tudor pitch is at the heart of the Coppice community. Werneth/Coppice has an extremely young age profile (30% aged 0-15), with a shrinking elderly population (down to 9% from 11.4% in 2001) Residents are passionate about providing facilities for all to use. For a long time now, the Coppice community have been overlooked in the provision of outdoor playing spaces, we are probably the only ward in Oldham that does not have an artificial 4G pitch and we need help of our Cllr's, MP's, Local Authority and St Thomas Primary School to change that. As you can appreciate, the funds needed for such a project run into the hundreds of thousands and, at a time when school budgets are becoming ever increasingly tighter, it is never more important to find partnership funding. we need to raise this money to demonstrate the community's support for the project and to make it the success it deserves to be. We therefore require all the stakeholders to arrange a meeting to find fundings and work with local community. As you will have read above, this facility would be the only one of its kind in the community and, as such, its importance cannot be underestimated. Coppice is deserving of high quality sports facilities that are easily accessible by all and therefore needs your support to make it a reality.”

Councillor Moores, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing responded that St. Thomas School was responsible for the maintenance of the Tudor Street Pitch as it formed part of the school's playing fields. The majority of wards in Oldham did not have 4G pitches as these tended to serve the wider district. However, the Council recognised the importance of such facilities in communities and welcomed involvement on how the Council could advise the school and the community as to how it could take the project forward. Potential funding streams would be looked as well as the strategic fit to maximised opportunity. Officers would be asked to contact Mr. Ali.

2. Question asked by Joe Wheeler:

“After many years of debate and delay the new School is currently still on the drawing board. What action will you take to bring an urgent end to these disheartening delays and give the children of Saddleworth a new secondary school that is of the 21st century?”

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Education and Early Years responded how beneficial it was to hear from an ex-pupil and headboy about his experiences at

the school. The current school was not fit for the 21st century and students should be in facilities fit for today. The issue had been ongoing for a long time. The majority of Saddleworth parents were for a new school and everything pointed to the Diggle Site as being the best site. Discussions had been ongoing with the Department for Education and the EFA to look at the outcome of the judicial review. Saddleworth needed a new school. A planning application was to be submitted in the near future and it was anticipated to go to Planning in early 2018. It was hoped to have some sort of resolution.

3. Question received from Andy Hunter-Rossall via email:

“Planning laws state that if a developer expects to make less than 20% profit on a development then they can ignore a council's regulations about the proportion of affordable homes. Since 2010, how many developments have complied with Oldham's affordable housing regulations, and how many have not? What proportion of the houses in the Bellway homes development at the Lancaster Club in Failsworth will be affordable? Are the council aware of policies in Islington, Greenwich, Lambeth and Bristol councils to force developers to publish viability assessments when developers claim they expect to make less than 20% profit? Would the council be in favour of a similar policy in Oldham?”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives, responded that planning legislation did not prescribe that developers could ignore affordable housing provision if they made less than 20% profit of the development cost. A 20% profit was, in officers' opinion, the top end of profit a developer could expect to be made in Oldham. The Council's current affordable housing policy stated that 7.5% of total development sales value should go towards the delivery of affordable housing. This policy was likely to be changed in an amended Local Plan to ensure a percentage and types of affordable housing were provided to meet Oldham's housing need. In the short time available, it was not able to provide information as to how many developments had complied with Oldham's affordable housing regulations as this meant having to assess every housing application's total development sales since 2010. However, as had been reported in the Council's Annual Monitoring Report, since 2008/09, 897 affordable housing units had been delivered, out of 1,836 additional dwellings (2,870 built, 1,034 cleared) which was 48.85%. No affordable housing was provided in the Lancaster Club scheme because of viability issues in the development of the site. However, an overage clause had been included in the S106 agreement which ensured that, at the end of the development, a reconciliation would be carried out, based on actual values, and once the developer had recovered the original land purchase price,

any profits over and above 20%, would be paid towards the requirement amount of affordable housing. Some Council's in 'hot' housing market areas had a policy which forced developers to publish viability assessments. The council was considering these as the new Local Plan was being developed whilst also being mindful of the commercial sensitivity issues that such an approach raised.

4. Question asked by Jackie Stanton:

"There are 7 derelict housing sites in Derker, they are never maintained, they are covered in weeds that are over 6 feet tall and all add to the appearance of blight and neglect in the area. Residents understand that FCHO are about to submit a planning application to build 52 family homes on the derelict site on Acre Lane, this is to welcomed. The downside is FCHO have not carried out meaningful consultation with residents in the area, this is not only wrong but a missed opportunity. Would the relevant Cabinet Member, please request or instruct FCHO to carry out a thorough consultation exercise in regard to the application to ensure we get the best possible development."

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that the Council was not in a position to instruct a developer to do consultation. Where appropriate, the Council encouraged full local consultation by applicants on significant development schemes and would, therefore, be happy to request First Choice Homes Oldham consider undertaking further consultation with Derker residents on this particular proposal.

5. Question received from Shaun McGrath via email:

"With regard to the lack of any tenant representative on the board of First Choice Homes Oldham, I would be interested in what board member, Cllr Barbara Brownridge has to say in response to the following: A former tenant board member has informed me that there was never any indication whatsoever that tenants would ever cease to remain on the board. In fact, from the discussions held during the transfer process, it was a mainstay that tenants, their rights and voice would always be heard and taken into account. Harry Burns, the ex-chair of the board, post and prior to the actual transfer, was explicit in his remarks that tenants would remain at the heart of FCHO and said as such publicly on numerous occasions and at a similar number of consultation events with tenants. I would like a written response to this question."

Councillor Brownridge responded as follows:

“The stock transfer offer document committed First Choice Homes Oldham (FCHO) to have a main board of 5 tenants, 4 independents and 3 Councillors. This board was put in place in 2011 and remained in place for the 5 years duration of the offer document.

The HCA which regulates housing associations recently introduced more stringent regulations and governance standards following the failure of Cosmopolitan Housing Association. The new standards set out the expectation for the skills and experience of boards to ensure they can manage the associations as thriving businesses.

As a result, FCHO completed an independent review in consultation with existing known tenant groups as well as the Council and other partners. Tenants were advised of the changes and invited to comment and these comments were considered. Tenants were also notified of the changes once they had been implemented. The FCHO Board currently has one customer member in line with the recommendations agreed in the review.

Currently, the Customer Congress made up of selected customers is part of the formal governance structure which reports to the main board. Its Chair attends Board meetings as an observer.

Customers remain at the centre of the business and there is day-to-day customer and community engagement, participation and consultation.”

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor advised that the time limit for this item had expired.

The Mayor reminded Members that the Council had previously agreed that questions would be taken in an order which reflected the political balance of the Council. The following questions were submitted by Councillors on Ward or District Matters:

1. Question received from Councillor Ball:

“Oldham is plagued with empty canisters of nitrous oxide, what are we doing to stop these being used illegally by teenagers?”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that officers from Community Safety Services had been working with colleagues from Greater Manchester Police and the Licensing Team who had visited a number of retail premises in the locality of areas where empty nitrous oxide canisters and reminded retailers of their legal responsibilities and secure voluntary engagement in the adoption of a Challenge 25 type approach. The response from retailers who had been found to be selling the canisters had been very positive. This work would be continued across the borough. In addition, Community Safety Services would also seek a specific term within any new Public Spaces Protection Orders being pursued

in respect of parks and open spaces. The term would prohibit the possession of such canisters or any other new psychoactive substance within the defined areas. Details of any premises believed to be selling these items to young people in an irresponsible manner were to be reported to Greater Manchester Police on 101.

2. Councillor Fielding asked the following question:

“Due to conservative government cuts to TfGM, Failsworth West has seen some subsidised bus services reduced or removed completely, severing vital, regular links to hospitals and other important services for those without private transport.

At the GMCA meeting on Friday 30th June the combined authority voted to proceed with an investigation in how to use the powers afforded to it in the bus services bill to regulate bus services in Greater Manchester. Could I have reassurance from the relevant cabinet member that local ward members and residents will have the opportunity to influence any franchising arrangements if bus service regulation is ultimately pursued so that we can create a network that truly reflects the needs of local communities rather than just the needs of bus company shareholders?”

Councillor F. Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, responded that the Bus Services Act 2017 granted the mayoral combined authority new options for the improvement to bus services for passengers and on 30th June, GMCA confirmed its intention to explore these options that included the option to franchise bus services which the new legislation afforded. No decision had yet been made and there was more work to be done on the development of the proposals. Any future changes to the way the bus market in Greater Manchester was managed would be subject to public consultation where passengers, residents, businesses and stakeholders would be asked to share their views on the proposals. When plans were at a stage suitable for consultation, TfGM would be encouraging all members to pass on the news of the consultation to encourage a good level of response which would inform future plans.

3. Councillor Dean asked the following question:

“Could the appropriate Cabinet member respond to an issue causing local residents concern in regard to the aborted development on Stephenson St /Ann Square Waterhead: the site has been left with a major evacuation, which includes drops of over 30 feet, this is a danger to local children as well as leaving an environment mess . This situation has been in place for over a year.”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that this was not a planning issue as there was no breach of planning control. The site had been secured and was not considered a danger to the public unless the site was broken into illegally.

4. Councillor Murphy asked the following question:

“Just behind the former Waggon and Horses pub in High Crompton, Shaw on a Council owned car park is a vehicle taking up a much needed parking space that is neither taxed, insured and MoT tested – this is something that you would have thought easy to solve - a vehicle that shouldn't be on the road. On the Council website it reads “vehicles which appear to have been abandoned are dealt with by Greater Manchester Police in the first instance”, we have tried that and Police are unable to help and instead have directed Crompton ward members back to the Council who in turn direct members back to the Police. Would the Cabinet member for Environmental Services please provide assistance as we feel we are going round in circles?”

Councillor F. Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services responded that abandoned vehicles that were not on the public highway were dealt with by Environmental Health in the first instance. They carried out checks to try and trace the owner and, if needed, served legal notice.

5. Councillor Shuttleworth asked the following question:

“With the closure of the Collective Spirit Free School in Chadderton South may I request an answer to the following:

- have all the Oldham based students now been allocated places at other academies?
- is there any update as to whether or not the land that the government forced us to hand over will be returned to local authority control?”

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Education and Early Years responded that a lot of time had been spent on moving a large number of students. Of the 196 students, 165 were from Oldham and 156 had now been allocated a place at other schools. Discussions were ongoing with the remaining students. A lot of work had been undertaken over the summer which included the adaptation of the UTC building. With regard to the land, which rightfully should come back to the Council, discussions were ongoing with the Government on the future of the site. When there was an answer, members would be updated.

6. Councillor Ali asked the following question:

“Residents of Chadderton North are concerned with the inadequate lighting and CCTV at the subway at Broadway. The subway intersects at Eustace St leading to the park Gate Estate. There have been reports of anti social behaviour. Please can the relevant cabinet member provide an update on the lighting situation and if anything can be done to install/improve CCTV at the subway. “

Councillor F. Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services responded that the subway lighting was being upgraded by Highways England with the subway section completed and commissioned. Lighting on either side of the subway near the ramps and the steps was currently being installed by the Agency. CCTV cameras were located on each ramped access to the subway and the Council was exploring with Highways England available options to further improve the coverage.

7. Councillor Moores asked the following question:

“Foxdenton Park in Chadderton Central Ward is well used by the local community, at a recent meeting with residents the following issues were raised.

1. The level of water in the large pond is very low.
2. The water in the small pond appears to be contaminated.

Could the relevant Cabinet Member please tell us what steps are being taken to rectify the problems with the 2 ponds in the park?”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that Environmental Services had noticed that the water levels were low in the main pond which was having a direct impact on the water quality in the lower pond. Officers were scheduled to meet with developers who had taken control of the land adjacent to the park to determine if there were any links to the development that may have caused the problem. Once discussions had taken place a response would be shared with members.

8. Councillor Harkness asked the following question:

“My constituents in Austerlands and Springhead are greatly concerned at the proposal to develop 265 houses at Ashbrook and Thornley Brook valleys with a road potentially going through from Springhead Post Office to Lees New Road. The numbers of properties proposed in the new application has nearly doubled. This will devastate the environment and wildlife, and will mean the loss of a vital greenspace in the area. I would like to ask the Cabinet Member if this is going to be a sign of things to come with the increasing demand for land for housing

at all costs overriding any concern for the loss of our precious green belt; just because this Council chooses to remain within the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework?”



Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that as with any application submitted to the Planning Committee it would be considered on normal planning grounds whereby benefits of the application would be set against the provision of a new link road and the potential environmental issues that had been outlined. The Committee would then come to a view on whether the scheme was acceptable. All councils had a legislative duty to meet their assessed housing needs whether in the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework or not. Failure to do so could result in planning by appeal which would be the worst of all worlds. It was possible that unpopular decisions would have to be made to ensure the Council met those needs with appropriate quality of development with mature consultation with residents going forward that would allow the formation of a revised Local Plan.

9. Councillor Garry asked the following question:

“At present, the gates at Failsworth Lower park are open between dawn and dusk. Could it be considered closing the gates earlier to avoid the needless acts of vandalism which are taking place at the moment.”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives responded that parks were open due to local demands and it would be difficult to justify closing a park earlier without provoking a negative reaction. Alternative ways were needed to be found for anti-social behaviour to be addressed. Officers from Environmental Services and Community Safety would work together to address the situation.

10. Councillor Phythian asked the following question:

“Yesterday the Council announced a £2m investment in Royton Town Hall to preserve this wonderful building and update Royton's library service. Would the relevant Cabinet member join me in encouraging Royton residents to give their feedback on the proposals and in welcoming this significant investment in Royton?”

Councillor Stretton, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise responded that there had been significant public and private investment in Royton over the past few years and the Council was keen to see this continue and the commitment to improve the Town Hall and Library buildings demonstrated this. It was hoped that this would attract further private

investment across the wider District Centre. During the next stage of the process, members of the community who used the library and the Town Hall, as well as other building users, would be contacted for their needs to be captured and understand the priorities for a modern library and town hall space. A series of events and sessions would be held over the coming weeks and months. These would be advertised on social media and display boards. All residents were urged to be on the lookout for the consultation sessions and come along to have a say.

11. Councillor M. Bashforth asked the following question:

“We have some excellent parks in Royton South which have always been very well and regularly maintained. We understand that the government cuts are making this level of maintenance difficult now but are very keen to see they continue to be clean, tidy and safe. Can the cabinet member responsible assure us that regular and effective maintenance is taking place and that a schedule of that maintenance is issued to us so we can better deal with residents’ concerns as they arise?”

Councillor Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives gave assurances that parks would continue to be maintained which were an important part of the borough. With the cuts, how maintenance happened may have to be changed. A greenspace strategy was being developed. Officers would be happy to answer any questions.

12. Councillor Sheldon asked a question related to the water levels in reservoirs. Councillor Sheldon expressed his appreciation to the excellent job done by teams who cleared the debris. There was not much that could be done about the weather but future flooding could be controlled. Dovestone Reservoir was completely full and there were three further reservoirs higher up. The overflow went into the River Tame and nearby brooks. Councillor Sheldon asked if discussions could take place with United Utilities to request that water levels be maintained at less than 100% to reduce the situation where flooding occurs after heavy rain.

Councillor F. Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services responded that he was pleased to hear about the hard work by the teams. He would look into the points raised and what action could be taken.

13. Councillor McLaren asked the following question:

“Residents of Foxdenton Lane have raised the issue of large road vehicles accessing the Foxdenton/Broadway Green development from Broadway, rather than using Broadgate. There is already a weight restriction in place

on Foxdenton Lane between Broadway and the entrance to the site, could the relevant Cabinet Member please advise us what if any additional strategies could be put in place to prevent vehicles accessing the development site via the junction of Broadway and Foxdenton Lane?”

Councillor F. Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services responded that owing for the need to be able to maintain HGV access to the Foxdenton Lane area for legitimate deliveries, there were no other Traffic Regulations available for the Highway Authority to implement along this road. However, the appropriate HV routes to and from the development site would be made clear to drivers with the introduction of Advanced Direction Signing on both the inbound and outbound routes.

14. Councillor Mushtaq asked the following question:

“We have a large number of residential care homes in Alexandra Ward. What is happening to ensure that they all reach a good or outstanding rating?”

Councillor Harrison, Cabinet Member for Social Care and Safeguarding responded that a number of approaches were used to support care homes which improved their quality, although ultimately this was the responsibility of each care home and its legal responsibility as a regulated care provider. However, as a commissioner of services, with a responsibility of market oversight, the Council undertook a range of activities that included:

- Local quality standard ratings which grade providers against a quality assessment framework;
- ‘Levels of harm’ data: care homes return monthly logs of low level concerns that were dealt with by the provider. These were analysed to identify trends or common themes by provider and across the sector to inform monitoring activity
- Quality Monitoring Visits: These were undertaken to ensure that contractual requirements were being met and that the quality of care was to the expected standard. The monitoring visits identified any areas of concern and provided support to the provider to improve their delivery of care and support.
- Care Quality Commission meetings: bi-monthly meetings were undertaken between the Council, NHS Commissioners and the CQC to ensure effective communication between the sector regulators and commissioners.
- Provider Forum: the monthly forums acted as a way of communicating collectively across the care sector and provided an opportunity to share good practice, inform of upcoming developments and

opportunities and provided and received feedback on all aspects of care delivery and commissioning. Work was ongoing with the CCG for the development of a joint approach to the risk assessment quality assurance approach which happening at a Greater Manchester level. It was important to note a lot of work was being done. Improvement in CQC ratings was also a major priority as well as a programme of work developed focused in the improvement of quality in the Oldham care home market.

15. Councillor S. Bashforth asked the following question:

“The new Royton Leisure centre has been a tremendous success and attracts people from all over the Borough. This has been a double edged sword especially at peak times when all available official parking spaces are taken causing frustration to visitors and residents alike. Adjacent the site there are currently pieces of land up for sale. Would the cabinet member responsible be willing to enter into discussion with OCLL with a view to allocating some of this land to help ease the current problems which will only get worse when the old Byron Street school site is developed?”

Councillor Stretton, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise responded that parking in support of the Royton Leisure Centre had been a long-standing issue and it was for this reason that, in developing the new Leisure Centre, the Council constructed a dedicated new car park which provided a total of 68 spaces. This had gone a long way to address the situation in the locality, although it was accepted that parking remained an issue, particularly at peak times. As a result, in agreeing to dispose of the former Byron Street School and former Police Station sites, the Council was keen to ensure that these potential much needed housing developments did not exacerbate the situation and it was for this reason that, as part of the marketing particulars advertising the opportunity, the Council had made it clear that any new dwellings would be expected to provide a minimum of two car parking spaces. In addition, there was a further requirement for any housing developer to surface the site of the former McQuillan Boilers on Cardigan Street which would remain in the ownership of the Council and would be left as a potential overspill parking for up to 20 cars if required. Of course, if OCLL had a specific requirement for this space, the Council would be happy to explore the option with them.

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor advised that the time limit for this item had expired.

RESOLVED that the questions and the responses provided by noted.

3 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ahmad, A. Alexander, G. Alexander, Ames, Azad, Blyth, Brock, Cosgrove, Dearden, Haque and Kirkham.

4 **TO ORDER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 12TH JULY 2017 BE SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

5 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER TO BE DETERMINED AT THE MEETING**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, elected members declared the following interests:

Councillor McCann declared a personal interest by virtue of his appointment to the MioCare Board, Unity Joint Venture Board and the Unity Partnership Board

Councillor Sykes declared a personal interest by virtue of his appointment to the Unity Partnership Board.

Councillor Jabbar declared a personal interest by virtue of his appointment to the Unity Partnership Board.

Councillor Chauhan declared a personal interest by virtue of his appointment to the MioCare Board.

Councillor Harrison declared a personal interest by virtue of her appointment to the MioCare Board.

Councillor Wrigglesworth declared a pecuniary interest at Item 12 by virtue of living adjacent to and renting land from RailTrack. She left the room during consideration of this item and did not take part in the vote thereon.

6 **TO DEAL WITH MATTERS WHICH THE MAYOR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

7 **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE PETITIONS RECEIVED RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor advised that two petitions had been received for noting by Council.

Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods

Request for Road Markings, Speed Reduction Measures and Clearer Safer Crossing Point on Acorn Street, Lees, (Saddleworth West and Lees Ward) received on 6 July 2017 with 51 signatures (Ref: 2017-08)

Request for a Place to Remember, Limeside Memorial Garden and Benches (Hollinwood Ward) received on 18 July 2017 with 256 signatures (Ref: 2017-09)

RESOLVED that the petitions received since the last Council meeting be noted.

8

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Mayor informed the meeting that there was one item of outstanding business from the previous meeting:

Motion 1

Councillor Jabbar **MOVED** and Councillor Ball **SECONDED**:
“This Council notes that Universal Credit (UC) is a single monthly payment which replaces six working age benefits (known as legacy benefits). These are Housing Benefit (HB), Income Support (IS), Working Tax Credits (WTC), Child Tax Credit (CTC), Employment and Support Allowance (Income-related) and Job Seekers Allowance (Income-related). It supports residents on low incomes who are both in and out of work.

Oldham has been a pathfinder for Universal Credit since 2013. However, the numbers of residents moving onto Universal Credit from 2013 have been restricted to new claimants and straightforward cases. The roll out of the full service of Universal Credit which commenced in Oldham on 26 April 2017 is a new entirely online-based system and claimants must apply for and manage their claim online. It also brings in a wider range of claimants including more complex cases. It affects claimants when they make a claim for the first time or have a change in circumstances that means their existing claim for one of the legacy benefits has to be cancelled.

Oldham is one of the early boroughs subject to the rollout of Universal Credit full service. The delivery of the new service has been an area of particular concern across the country and was subject in the last parliament to an investigation by the Work and Pensions Select Committee.

As a result, and while the DWP and Job Centre Plus are the agency responsible for managing the change, the Council is committed to pro-active and continued work with key stakeholders and partners to ensure that as much support is provided to residents as possible to help achieve a smooth transition to the new service.

However, this Council has a number of concerns about Universal Credit

- The wait times between the date of application and date of assessment. There is a built in waiting period of 6 weeks before Universal Credit is awarded and this creates hardship for residents. Any delay in DWP processing times exacerbates this hardship still further.
- The level of deductions applied to monthly payments to clawback advance payments and sanctions can be high leaving residents with little money to cover basic income needs for their families for the weeks ahead.
- The high number of Universal Credit claimants that have been subject to sanctions in Oldham

- That the provision of housing costs support for short term temporary accommodation for Oldham's homeless population is not an appropriate fit for Universal Credit and should be returned to and covered by Housing Benefit at the earliest opportunity

This Council resolves to:

Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the following to register these issues and request that solutions are explored which would improve the design and delivery of Universal Credit which would mitigate impacts for low- income, working age residents in the borough;

1. The Rt. Hon David Gauke MP Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
2. Debbie Abrahams MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and MP for Oldham East and Saddleworth, Jim McMahon MP for Oldham West and Royton and Angela Rayner MP for Ashton Under -Lyne, Droylsden and Failsworth
3. The Local Government Association (LGA).”

Councillor Sykes spoke in support of the motion.

Councillor Mushtaq spoke in support of the motion.

Councillor Jabbar exercised his right of reply.

A vote was then taken on the MOTION.

On being put the VOTE, 48 votes were cast in FAVOUR of the MOTION and 0 votes were cast AGAINST with 1 ABSTENTIONS. The MOTION was therefore CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the Chief Executive be instructed to write to the following to register these issues and request that solutions were explored which would improve the design and delivery of Universal Credit which would mitigate impacts for low-income, working age residents in the borough:

1. The Rt. Hon. David Gauke MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
2. Debbie Abrahams MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and MP for Oldham East and Saddleworth, Jim McMahon MP for Oldham West and Royton and Angela Rayner MP for Ashton-under-Lyne, Droylsden and Failsworth
3. The Local Government Association.

9 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

There were no items submitted by the Youth Council.

10 **LEADER AND CABINET QUESTION TIME**

The Leader of the Main Opposition, Councillor Sykes, raised the following two questions:

Question 1:

“My first question relates to how this Council supports small businesses in this Borough. I am sure the Leader is aware that in April of this year the Leader of her party announced that a Labour Government would ‘declare war’ on late payment to small businesses. Speaking at an event organised by the Federation of Small Businesses, the Labour leader called it ‘a national scandal’ that big companies were withholding more than £26 billion from suppliers, forcing 50,000 of them out of business every year.

Local Labour MP Debbie Abrahams commented favourably on this. She has been championing a similar local campaign ‘Be Fair – Pay on Time’. She reported that over 400 businesses in Oldham East and Saddleworth have said they are struggling to pay staff because of late payments and 66 went bust.

All very commendable – I am sure we all want to see a thriving small business sector in our country and especially in our Borough – and cash flow difficulties caused by late payment kills businesses.

So why is it that Debbie doesn’t seem to have publically taken Oldham Council to task?

For the average length of time this Labour Council takes to pay an invoice was 24 days in 2015/2016, when it was only 15 when the Liberal Democrats ran the Council, I was Leader.

Mr. Corbyn also said that a Labour government would require any company bidding for a public sector contract to pay its own suppliers within 30 days and would look at introducing fines for persistent late payers.

This Council will have to be careful that the promised legislation doesn’t extend to penalising Councils who follow the same practice – for it is likely that Oldham would have to pay a hefty fine.

For in 2015/16, the number of invoices this Council paid after 30 days was 15,247, when it was only 8.051 under the Liberal Democrats. And the current system does not even allow us to identify which invoices are delayed because of disputes and which because of inefficiency.

This Administration makes a great play of its deal with Oxygen Finance whereby suppliers can be paid in five days instead of 30 in return to paying an ‘Early Repayment Fee’, but why should businesses pay us money to receive the money that they are owed by us more quickly?

In my day, the Liberal Democrat Administration simply placed more emphasis on paying our suppliers, especially our local suppliers promptly.

So can I ask the Leader tonight what she will now do to ensure that this Council will ‘Be Fair to our small businesses and Pay on Time’?”

Councillor Stretton, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise responded that she was behind the movement to pay small businesses on time and would ask for an immediate review on the number of businesses not paid within 30 days and for a report to come back to her.

Question 2:

“For my second question I would like to turn to the issue of bulky waste collections. I was glad to see that that the Council is looking to retender for the bulky waste collection service. I would like to reveal what appears to be a closely kept secret – that under the current contract delivered by Bulky Bobs some residents are still able to access a free bulky waste collection services. I say closely kept secret – because even I did not know it until recently and I am sure that many members in this Chamber will not know it either. For a little known fact is that when charging was first introduced by the new Labour Administration in 2012 there was, in part due to the pressure and concerns the Liberal Democrats had, an acknowledgement that certain low income groups must still be able to access a limited free bulky waste collection service. This was to ensure that they were not ‘disproportionately disadvantaged’ by the charge for this service, as defined by the 2010 Equalities Act. So any customers who are – I quote – ‘Any customers physically disabled, infirm due to old age, or pregnant, are entitled to one free collection a year.’

Interestingly, this proviso is not mentioned on the Council’s website or in any public papers for the recent Cabinet meeting at which it was agreed to retender the contract. Nor can the information be found on the website of Bulky Bob or on Bulky Bob’s Facebook page. So if you were one of these eligible ‘disadvantaged’ customers, or a carer for them, you would not know the concession existed or how to access it.

So my second question to the Leader tonight is. Can she confirm that this concession exists under the current contract and that it will be maintained under the new contract? And can she also say how this concession will be publicised to eligible customers in the future?”

Councillor Stretton, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise confirmed that the concession existed and the current contract had that provision. The situation would be reviewed and the situation rectified whereby the information was not obvious on the website. The details of the future scheme were being work through. If there were such concessions, these would be made public.

Question from the Leader of the Conservative Group:

Councillor Hudson’s question related to the taxi rank in Uppermill. Councillor Hudson sought clarification on whether people could park in these much needed spaces in the middle of the village during the day.

Councillor Stretton responded that current signage would be looked at and, if possible, have a scheme where the taxi rank was time limited and appropriate signage be put into place.

The Mayor reminded the meeting that Council had agreed that, following the Leaders’ allocated questions, questions would be taken in an order which reflected the political balance of the Council.

1. Councillor Fielding asked the following question:

“The two year legislative programme for this Parliament set out in the Queens speech did not include the local government finance bill that was expected. Has the cabinet member for finance received any information that provides clarity on exactly what the government grant regime to Oldham council will look like come 2020?”

Councillor Jabbar, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Human Resources responded that uncertainty remained on the issue regarding the Local Government Grant regime for 2020 and beyond and how this would affect Oldham and the wider Local Government community. Local authorities had only been provided with indicative funding allocations to 2019/20 in line with the end of the Government’s current spending review period. At this stage it was not anticipated that the funding allocations for 2020 and beyond would be provided until at least the 2019/20 settlement round. With regard to the absence of the Local Government Finance Bill, the Department for Communities and Local Government confirmed that such a Bill would not form part of the Parliamentary timetable for this session. Ministers remained committed to local government taking greater control of their income as outlined in the Manifesto. The Government had, for some time, wanted to move to a system of full rates retention for Local Authorities. The schemes piloting these arrangements across Greater Manchester and other regions of the country remained in place. The transfer of control to local authorities was not in statute and the Council would have to wait to see what details came out.

2. Councillor Ali asked the following question:

“Could the Cabinet member for Education and Early Years update us on the Opportunity Area programme being managed by the Department for Education and tell us when we can expect the promised extra funding to come to Oldham?”

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Education and Early Years responded that following a delay with the General Election a meeting had taken place with the Chair of the Opportunity Area Board and a representative from the Department for Education. It had been a positive meeting with an understanding of the challenges in Oldham and aspirations. It was anticipated that a partnership plan would be finalised and signed off by the end of September. When agreed, funding would be drawn down. The partnership plan would then be reviewed in 12 months.

3. Councillor Roberts asked the following question:

“Regeneration of the borough is one of this administration’s key priorities and the Old Town Hall Cinema and Parliament Square continue to be successful examples of the work we are doing. Can the Leader confirm the awards the Old Town Hall has received so far and join with me in congratulating all those involved?”



Councillor Stretton, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise responded that the list of awards that the Old Town Hall won was as follows: From the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS): RICS North West – Project of the Year, Regeneration Project of the Year and Design through Innovation Project of the Year. All category winners would go on to compete against other regional winners at the RICS Awards Grand Final to be held on Thursday, 2nd November 2017 for the chance to be crowned the overall UK winner in their respective category.

From the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA): RIBA Northwest Award and Conservation Award

From Local Authority Building Control: LABC North West – Best Change of Use of an Existing Building or Conversion

From the Building Design Partnership: BDP – George Grenfell Baines Award for building of the year

From Mix Interiors Magazine: Mixology North Awards – Hospitality Interior of the Year

The Old Town Hall had also won the Manchester Architects Award and the North West Construction Award for preservation and rejuvenation. The Council was currently shortlisted for the British Construction Industry Awards (BCIA) which culminated with the ‘Prime Minister’s Better Public Building Award’ and the Architects Journal Architecture Awards which was an impressive haul. This was a testament to the commitment of this administration to invest in the future of the borough and for the investment to be made now to clearly reap benefits for the local economy in the years and decades to come. This was clearly a huge success both in terms of awards and popularity with the public.

4. Councillor Gloster asked the following question:

“The recent announcement that the 4G Pitch at Chapel Road Hollinwood is to close is a blow, not only to the people in the community but its effects will be felt across the Borough and further afield as it is a well-used resource by the community and others from further afield. I must express my disappointment that this matter was not discussed at full council before a decision was taken to close the pitch. I have been contacted by one of my constituents who runs Hollinwood FC and Junior FC. He had received a letter telling him of the proposals and I was fortunately able, via the Chief Executive, to arrange a meeting with Council Officers for the group to discuss ideas for keeping this facility open. This group is

supported by some talented people, including a Manchester City Council finance director, who have put together short term proposals and are looking at medium and long term proposals. Can I ask the relevant cabinet member for reassurance that every assistance will be given to this group, and others who may express an interest, by the Council, to ensure it remains open and continues to be a valuable community asset to the Borough?"

Councillor Stretton, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise responded that disposal of any piece of land was not a matter that would routinely be brought to Full Council. There were some inaccuracies in the understanding of the situation that could have been clarified if the matter had been discussed with members and officers who were dealing with the matter. The Council had agreed with Oldham Community Leisure that they would no longer be responsible for the management of the Chapel Road pitch from 30th September 2017. The maintenance cost of the site was significantly greater than the income generated from usage. In addition, there was a supply of better quality local pitches with availability for clubs to use. OCL had written to all clubs that used the site and advised the clubs they may want to seek to book alternative pitch facilities from 1st October until any new arrangements were in place. When it had become clear that not all clubs could have found new accommodation by the deadline, including Hollinwood FC and Junior FC the matter was discussed with officers. It was agreed that some use of the facility on a Saturday would be kept on an interim basis to support local clubs to cover games. This specifically applied to Hollinwood FC whose situation had been the subject of a number of conversations. Options were currently being explored for the future of the site with the preferred intention to retain the site as a community facility. There could be a period of time from September where the facility would not be fully operational. There had been a number of informal enquiries about the facility. The Council would continue to progress this and any organisation that did take over the site must be prepared to accommodate community use, especially from former users and also the use by St. Margaret's school.

5. Councillor Shuttleworth asked the following question:

"I have personal knowledge of an individual receiving a warning notice from TfGM for allegedly using the Metrolink service without paying the required fare, an action which no one can condone. However, the individual involved was not even in the country at the time of the offence levelled at them and the warning notice was received 48 hours after they returned home. The offender on this occasion was unable to provide a correct

date of birth, home post code of correct home telephone number. As you may gather the offender was able to provide a correct name and address, other than as I have said the post code, so he clearly knows the innocent party. Is the Cabinet Member responsible for transport able to advise just how the ticket inspectors ensure that those who behave in such a manner are not providing false information, thereby escaping without punishment, while leaving an innocent party having to provide proof they are not the guilty party, but if, as in this case, they are unable to do so, having to face the consequences for the actions of another?"

Councillor F. Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services responded that TfGM had confirmed that the new Metrolink operator had a rigorous process in place for enforcement against Metrolink fare evasion, which included obtaining information from the Electoral Register which should have prevented a fine being issued to an innocent party. TfGM wanted to investigate the case outlined in the question further to understand how this happened given the process in place. If the details could be provided a full investigation would be undertaken.

6. Councillor Ali asked the following question:

"Can the relevant cabinet member briefly provide an update on the performance of the GCSE and A Level results across Oldham. Are the results as expected? and what strategies are in place to improve the results further?"

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Education and Early Years responded that there had been changes to the markings in GCSE in English and Maths and that others would follow in the next two to three years. As a result it was difficult for the marks to be predicted and unable to be compared with previous years. At this time provisional returns showed that 59% of Oldham students achieved a Grade 4 or above. The data available at the moment would not be validated until the end of November. Caution was urged on the use of the data but provisional returns suggested a 98.6% A* - E pass rate which was impressive but masked more complex issues such as not pushing higher achieving students harder. A lot of work was ongoing to improve attainment. Further information would be provided to members when available.

7. Councillor Garry asked the following question:

"Increasingly I seem to have witnessed more and more hair raising antics from children riding bikes. For example, riding 4 abreast down the road while doing wheelies. Three people piled on one bike, one passenger on the handlebar obscuring the vision of the rider.

Performances like this belong in a circus, not on the roads. How long before we have a serious incident and injured children? When I was a child, if you wanted to ride to school on your bike you would have to have passed a cycling proficiency test in order to demonstrate that you had a basic understanding of the dangers of riding a bike on the road and the fundamentals of safe conduct whilst doing so.“

Councillor F. Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services responded that earlier this year the Council had been awarded £327,045 from the Department for Transport to deliver the national cycle training ‘Bikeability’ programme throughout Oldham until the end of March 2020. In addition to the core Bikeability levels 1 – 3, aimed at primary and high schools for the first time ever, the DfT had introduced Bikeability plus. This was a series of modules designed to ensure that children and families were given the opportunities and skills they needed to make cycling a part of their everyday life. One of these modules was called ‘Bikeability Balance’ which aimed to prepare Reception and Year 1 children with the balance and coordination skills they needed to learn to ride and participate in Bikeability level 1. Unity’s Road Safety Officers were working to help provide the training with the School’s Games Organisers to deliver the Bikeability Balance module on Oldham’s behalf. The courses had proved to be very popular and highly subscribed.

8. Councillor Murphy asked the following question:

“I was really pleased to receive reassurances that the street lights I see lit during the day in parts of Oldham are not costing the tax payer money; the cost in electricity is actually being paid for by Eon as part of the street lighting renewal programme. I would like to ask the Cabinet member for Environmental Services how he plans to reduce the amount of faulty lit street lamps thus helping to reduce Oldham’s carbon foot print?”

Councillor F. Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services responded that the contractor under PFI had put in place a team dedicated to reduce street lamps which were lit during daylight hours. This had already demonstrated a positive impact and the contractor was committed to energy saving, which in turn, reduced their costs under the contract.

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor advised that the time limit for this item had expired.

RESOLVED that the questions and responses provided be noted.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CABINET HELD ON THE UNDERMENTIONED DATES, INCLUDING THE ATTACHED LIST OF URGENT KEY DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, AND TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS ON ANY ITEMS WITHIN THE MINUTES FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, AND RECEIVE RESPONSES FROM CABINET MEMBERS

The minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 19th June 2017, 10th July 2017 and 24th July 2017 were submitted.

Members raised the following observations:

Councillor McCann, Cabinet Minutes, 24th July 2017, Item 9 – Phase Two Approval, Gateways to Oldham New Build Housing – Councillor McCann commented on the Primrose Bank Regeneration, the insistence of a good quality build and how the regeneration of the estate had continued through different administrations. Oldham stood out by putting politics aside for the good of the town and was a fine entry into Oldham.

Councillor Williams, Cabinet Minutes, 10th July 2017, Item 9 – Oldham Town Centre Master Plan and Delivery Options – Councillor Williams commented on the statement of intent in the delivery of the plan and the risk taken because it was so important.

RESOLVED that:

1. The minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 19th June 2017, 10th July 2017 and 24th July 2017 be noted.
3. The observations on the Cabinet minutes be noted.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

Motion 1

The Chief Executive had been notified that Councillor Kirkham was unable to attend the meeting to second the Motion and notice had been given that Councillor Goodwin would second the motion in her absence which was AGREED.

Councillor Fielding MOVED and Councillor Goodwin SECONDED the following motion:

“Council notes:

- The announcement on 20/07/17 by Conservative Transport Secretary Chris Grayling MP that the electrification of the Sheffield-Kettering, Oxenholme-Windermere and Cardiff-Swansea railway lines will not take place.
- The Transport Secretary’s comments as part of this announcement that electrification of the Manchester-Leeds railway line may be too difficult.

Council further notes:

- The announcement on 24/07/17 of the approval of the £30 billion Crossrail 2 scheme in London.
- Northern Powerhouse rail, an investment programme, which included the now cancelled electrifications and the electrification of the Manchester-Leeds line, was pledged on page 24 of the Conservative Party manifesto for the 2017 General Election.
- Crossrail was not featured at all in the Conservative Party manifesto.

Council supports the electrification of the east-west transpennine railway between Manchester and Leeds. Council recognises the benefits that the electrification of this line, which passes through the Borough of Oldham, would deliver for local people.

Council resolves to:

- Instruct the Chief Executive to write to Transport Secretary Chris Grayling setting out our support for the full electrification of this line.
- Call on our three MPs to lobby the government to deliver the planned electrification as promised.”

Councillor Sykes spoke in support of the motion.

Councillor Ali spoke in support of the motion.

Councillor Hewitt spoke in support of the motion.

Councillor Roberts **MOVED** and Councillor Ali **SECONDED** that the motion be put to the vote.

Councillor Fielding exercised his right of reply.

A vote was then taken on the **MOTION**.

On being put the **VOTE**, the **MOTION** was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Chief Executive be instructed to write to the Transport Secretary Chris Grayling setting out the Council’s support for the full electrification of this line.
2. The three MP’s be called on to lobby the government to deliver the planned electrification as promised.

Motion 2

Councillor Ali **MOVED** and Councillor Mushtaq **SECONDED** the following motion:

“This Council notes:

1. The rise from 128 households in 2015/16, to 245 in 2016/17 and to 192 to August 2017 receiving a formal decision on homelessness from Oldham Council
2. The rise in the number of households placed in temporary accommodation, including in Bed and Breakfast

3. The reducing number of social housing lettings year by year

We recognise that the causes of homelessness can be complex and that one response is the new Homelessness Reduction Act which places new duties on Local Authorities to prevent homelessness, however additional steps and funding are needed to tackle the growing problem of homelessness in Oldham.

This Council believes that this latest increase in homelessness is directly linked to the government's austerity policy: the squeeze on the incomes of the working poor and welfare reform have combined to increase mortgage repossessions and evictions due to rent arrears while reducing benefit support for housing costs, particularly for younger people. The roll out of the Universal Credit Full Digital Service increases rent arrears and homelessness as Universal Credit is paid up to 10 weeks in arrears and landlords can start the eviction process once tenants are eight weeks in arrears.

This Council calls on government to take an integrated approach to homelessness and to rethink welfare policies which exclude younger people from housing support, make housing unaffordable for large families and lead to evictions due to built in delays in payments.

This Council resolves to

1. Work with partners in Oldham to implement the new Housing Reduction duties as effectively as possible
2. Continue to do all it can to mitigate the impact of government policy e.g by supporting Oldham Nightstop and Oldham Reconnect to help young people
3. Investigate ways of increasing housing supply e.g. by improving access to private sector tenancies
4. Campaign for: changes to Universal Credit to get payments started as soon as a successful claim has been made; to reinstate support for housing costs for 18-21 year olds and to ensure that Universal Credit meets the cost of temporary accommodation including for households in bed and breakfast
5. Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the borough's three MPs outlining our concerns and asking them to do all they can to achieve changes outlined above"

Councillor Ali did not exercise his right of reply.

A vote was then taken on the MOTION.

On being put the VOTE, the MOTION was therefore CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Council work with partners in Oldham to implement the new Housing Reduction duties as effectively as possible.

2. The Council would continue to do all it could to mitigate the impact of government policy, e.g. by supporting Oldham Nightstop and Oldham Reconnect to help young people.
3. The Council would investigate ways of increasing housing supply, e.g. by improving access to private sector tenancies.
4. The Council would campaign for changes to Universal Credit to get payments started as soon as a successful claim had been made, to reinstate support for housing costs for 18-21 year olds and ensure that Universal Credit met the cost of temporary accommodation including households in bed and breakfast.
5. The Chief Executive be instructed to write to the borough's three MPs outlining the Council's concerns and ask them to do all they could to achieve the changes outlined above.

Motion 3

The Mayor informed the meeting that the time limit for this item had expired and Councillor Roberts as Mover of the Motion and Councillor S. Bashforth as Secunder of the Motion requested the Council permit the following Motion be rolled over for discussion at the next Council meeting.

“This council notes that:

1. DEFRA published the policy paper 'Air Quality Plan for nitrogen dioxide' in July 2017 which sets out the Government's strategy to reduce nitrogen dioxide pollution and promises to make the UK a global leader in air quality
2. Evidence from the World Health Organisation, Public Health England and the Royal College of Physicians outlines the damaging impact of poor air quality on our health, disproportionately affecting children, older people, people with pre-existing heart conditions and people on lower incomes
3. Oldham has been designated as “urban with major conurbation”, which puts us in the top 23% most urban Local Authority Districts. DEFRA has also placed Oldham within the “above the legal limit but no feasibility study needs to be done” category for air pollution, showing that Oldham's urban nature affects the levels of pollution within the area.
4. Oldham's nitrogen dioxide level is above the legal limit
5. Oldham is making progress towards reaching the legal limit and is expected to achieve this by 2021, however more can be done

This council welcomes the Air Quality Plan as far as it goes, but believes that action needs to be taken at a local, Greater Manchester and national level to increase the rate of progress and keep levels to the legal limit in the future.

This council resolves

1. To ask the Health and Well Being Board's Air Quality Sub Group to move as quickly as possible to produce an Air Quality Improvement Scheme for Oldham which should include what we as individuals can do, as well as action by Oldham Council and by Greater Manchester bodies
2. To press Transport for Greater Manchester and Greater Manchester Combined Authority to develop a more inclusive approach to improving air quality including
 - a. Improving orbital public transport links
 - b. Improving connectivity between city centres e.g. by revising the Low Carbon Strategy to include measures which will help Oldham
 - c. Investing in cycling lanes and facilities in the outer boroughs
3. To inform and support the Greater Manchester bid for the maximum possible funding from the Clean Air Fund to support local action
4. To support the wider use of low emission vehicles e.g. by encouraging the installation of charging points for electric cars"

RESOLVED that the Motion be rolled over to the Council meeting to be held on 8th November 2017.

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NOTICE OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS

Motion 1

Councillor Harkness MOVED and Councillor Gloster SECONDED the following motion:

“Council notes that:

- Heart disease remains one of the biggest killers of adults in this borough and that it debilitates many more.
- The Oldham Locality Plan for Health & Social Care Transformation reports that “Our adult population is less physically active, smokes more, and carries more excess weight than the England average and we have higher than average alcohol-related admissions to hospital. These unhealthy behaviours mean we have significantly higher numbers of people with recorded diabetes, and deaths from smoking-related diseases, cardiovascular disease and cancer are significantly higher than the England average.”
- There has recently been a review of congenital heart disease treatment services in this region.

Council is concerned that, under the current proposals resulting from this review:

- Some patients will be obliged to access services, and surgery outside the North West, at specialist centres in Leeds, Newcastle and Sheffield.
- In the event of an emergency attendance at a local hospital, patients will be “stabilised and managed by doctors until fit for transfer to a specialist centre”.
- The capacity of the Manchester Royal Infirmary to carry out specialist procedures has over past months been reduced

as key medical staff have left the hospital as they had no guarantee their services would be required following the review.

- The proposed merger of the South and Central Trafford NHS Trusts has created further uncertainty of employment for specialist staff in our region as the two hospitals providing heart services - Manchester Royal Infirmary and Wythenshawe - will be brought under one trust.

Council believes that:

- It is unreasonable to expect patients with such conditions, and their carers and families, to make significant journeys to centres outside of Greater Manchester for the more specialist procedures or surgery.
- It is unacceptable that in a National Health Service patients in the North West are subject to a 'postcode lottery' as to where they are sent for treatment and cannot access their own specialist centre in their own region.

Council therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to make representations on this matter to:

- The Secretary of State for Health
- The Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which manages the Manchester Heart Centre
- The Greater Manchester Mayor

Requesting they maintain specialist provision in our region.

And also to the three local Members of Parliament seeking their support for the Council's position.

AMENDMENT

Councillor Moores MOVED and Councillor Harrison SECONDED the following AMENDMENT:

"After 'Council notes that', delete bullets 1 and 2 and replace with:

- Adult Congenital Heart Disease [ACHD] patients, their families and carers living in Oldham have raised genuine concerns regarding the proposed changes to ACHD treatment in Greater Manchester.
- That the new national standards are intended ensure that patients receive a high quality, safe and timely service.

After 'Council is concerned that', delete 'under the current proposals resulting from this review', delete bullets 3 - 4 and insert a bullet point:

- There is uncertainty regarding the location of future services that will be provided to Oldham ACHD patients their families and carers.

After 'Council believes that', Remove 'Greater Manchester' from the sentences 'It is unreasonable to expect patients with such conditions and their carers and families, to make significant journeys outside of the Greater Manchester for the more specialist procedures or surgery.' And insert 'North West'. The sentence will now read 'It is unreasonable to expect patients

with such conditions and their carers and families, to make significant journeys outside of the North West for the more specialist procedures or surgery.’

In the same section, delete bullet 2 insert:

- That patient safety is a number one priority.
- That NHS Trusts in the North West Region, should be actively working together to provide accessible, high quality, safe and effective ACHD services.

Amended motion to read as follows:

This Council notes that:

- Adult Congenital Heart Disease [ACHD] patients, their families and carers living in Oldham have raised genuine concerns regarding the proposed changes to ACHD treatment in Greater Manchester.
- There has recently been a review of congenital heart disease treatment services in this region.
- That the new national standards are intended ensure that patients receive a high quality, safe and timely service.

Council is concerned that:

- There is uncertainty regarding the location of future services that will be provided to Oldham ACHD patients, their families and carers.
- Some patients will be obliged to access services and surgery outside the North West at specialist centres in Leeds, Newcastle and Sheffield.
- In the event of an emergency attendance at a local hospital, a patient will be “stabilised and managed by doctors until fit for transfer to a specialist centre”.

Council believes that:

- It is unreasonable to expect patients with such conditions and their carers and families, to make significant journeys outside of the North West for the more specialist procedures or surgery.
- That patient safety is a number one priority.
- That NHS Trusts in the North West Region, should be actively working together to provide accessible, high quality, safe and effective ACHD services.

Council therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to make representation on this matter to:

- The Secretary of State for Health.
- The Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust.
- The Greater Manchester Mayor.
- Jim McMahon MP, Angela Rayner MP and Debbie Abrahams MP

Asking them to seek assurance that the needs of patients and families will be prioritised in making the changes to services.”

Councillor Harkness spoke against the amendment.

Councillor Hudson spoke against the amendment.

Councillor Gloster spoke against the amendment.

Councillor Chauhan spoke in support of the amendment.

Councillor Harkness exercised his right of reply.

Councillor Moores exercised his right of reply.

A vote was then taken on the AMENDMENT.

On being put the VOTE, 38 votes were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT and 11 votes were cast AGAINST with 0 ABSTENTIONS. The AMENDMENT was therefore CARRIED.

A vote was then taken on the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

On being put the VOTE, the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that representations be made by the Chief Executive on this matter to:

- The Secretary of State for Health
- The Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
- The Greater Manchester Mayor
- Jim McMahon MP, Angela Rayner MP and Debbie Abrahams MP

And ask for assurances to be sought that the needs of patients and families would be prioritised in making changes to services.

Motion 2

The Mayor informed the meeting that the time limit for this item had expired. Councillor Williamson as Mover of the Motion and Councillor Murphy as Seconder of the Motion requested the Motion be put to the vote.

“This Council notes:

- The national scandal of homelessness, with official figures showing over 4,000 people sleeping rough on any one night, in England last year and over 250,000 people in some form of homelessness.
- That figures for sleeping rough have increased by nearly 50% in the last two years.
- That Greater Manchester has a particular homelessness problem, with Manchester having the fourth highest rates of rough sleeping in the country.
- The charities, Crisis, Centrepoin, Homeless Link, Shelter and St Mungo’s have launched the End Rough Sleeping Campaign to call upon politicians of all parties to make a commitment to end rough sleeping and homelessness.

Working with our social housing and voluntary sector partners, Council reaffirms its commitment to ending rough sleeping and homelessness.

Council resolves to:

- Adopt as policy the aspirations outlined in the End Rough Sleeping Campaign that in this borough:
 - no one is sleeping rough
 - no one is living in shelters, hostels or other emergency accommodation without a plan to move into suitable and settled housing within an agreed appropriate timescale
 - no one is homeless as a result of leaving the care system, prison or other state institution

- everyone at immediate risk of homelessness gets the help they need to prevent it happening.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the charities involved with the End Rough Sleeping Campaign to give the campaign this Council's support and to ask the campaign to register the Council as a supporter.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to our three Members of Parliament, urging them to support action at a Government level, including:
 - Adequately funding local government and local health services enable them to properly undertake their duties to tackle homelessness and causes of homelessness
 - Ensuring that the benefits system is contributing to stopping homelessness, not causing it
 - Addressing issues in housing provision, including providing for longer and more stable private rental periods
- Support measures to tackle homelessness at a Greater Manchester level, including:
 - Supporting the Homelessness Action Network created by the Greater Manchester Mayor
 - Working together as ten boroughs, and using our devolved powers to collectively bring an end to homelessness as an urgent priority.
 - Ensuring that a revised Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, and the Oldham Local Plan, has appropriate and affordable housing as a core priority.
- Ensure that Oldham Council, and our social housing and voluntary sector partners, are doing everything we can to contribute to ending homelessness by asking the Leader to bring a report to Council outlining how our local services are working to end homelessness in the Borough."

Councillor Williamson did not exercise her right of reply.

A vote was then taken on the MOTION.

On being put the VOTE, the MOTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that:

1. The aspirations as outlined in the End Rough Sleeping Campaign be adopted in this borough:
 - no one is sleeping rough;
 - no one is living in shelters, hostels or other emergency accommodation without a plan to move into suitable and settled housing within an agreed appropriate timescale
 - no one is homeless as a result of leaving the care system, prison or other state institution
 - everyone at immediate risk of homelessness gets the help they need to prevent it happening.
2. The Chief Executive be asked to write to the charities involved with the End Rough Sleeping Campaign to give

- the campaign this Council's support and ask the campaign to register the Council as a supporter.
3. The Chief Executive be asked to write to the three Members of Parliament, urging them to support action at a Government level which included:
 - adequately funding local government and local health services to enable them to properly undertake their duties to tackle homelessness and causes of homelessness
 - ensuring that the benefits system was contributing to stopping homelessness, not causing it
 - addressing issues in housing provision, including providing for longer and more stable private rental periods
 4. Measures to tackle homelessness at a Greater Manchester level be supported including:
 - supporting the Homelessness Action Network created by the Greater Manchester Mayor
 - working together as ten boroughs, and using our devolved power to collectively bring an end to homelessness as an urgent priority.
 - ensuring that a revised Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, and the Oldham Local Plan, has appropriate and affordable housing as a core priority.
 5. Ensure that Oldham Council, social housing and voluntary sector partners were doing everything they could to contribute to ending homelessness and the Leader be asked to bring a report to Council which outlined how our local services were working to end homelessness in the Borough.

Motion 3

The Mayor informed the meeting that the time limit for this item had expired. Councillor Turner as Mover of the Motion and Councillor McCann as Seconder of the Motion requested the Motion be put to the vote.

“Council notes:

- the launch on International Women's Day (8 March 2017) of the Suffrage to Citizenship Project by the Women's Local Government Society, a voluntary, cross-party organisation seeking to recruit more women into local government. The Project intends to celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage by commemorating suffrage pioneers to inspire a new generation of activists. The Project will identify and celebrate the lives of 100 previously hidden women and supportive men who worked tirelessly in suffrage campaigns leading up to the Representation of the People Act 1918, and who used the extended rights to citizenship in a positive way by serving as elected councillors, magistrates, on school and public health

boards, or by otherwise taking a lead in their local community.

- with pride that at least two Oldham women – Annie Kenney and Lydia Becker - played leading roles in the struggle for women’s suffrage and therefore recognises the importance of this Council supporting this Project.
- that the Chair of the Local Government Association, Lord Gary Porter, has asked all Leaders and Chief Executives in local authorities to identify an elected member champion to lead on this work.

Council resolves to:

- Appoint an elected member champion as per Lord Porter’s request.

Ask that champion to bring a report back to a future meeting of Council in 2017 identifying how this local authority can best support the aims of this Project.”

Councillor Turner did not exercise her right of reply.

A vote was then taken on the MOTION.

On being put the VOTE, 48 votes were cast in FAVOUR of the MOTION and 0 votes were cast AGAINST with 1 ABSTENTION. The MOTION was therefore CARRIED.

RESOLVED that:

1. An elected member champion be appointed as per Lord Porter’s request.
2. The elected member champion be asked to bring a report back to a future meeting of Council in 2017 which identified how this local authority could best support the aims of this Project.

14a To note the Minutes of the following Joint Authority meetings and the relevant spokespersons to respond to questions from Members

The minutes of the Joint Authorities were submitted as follows:

Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority	12 th June 2017
Transport for Greater Manchester	14 th July 2017
National Peak Park Authority	26 th May 2017
Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)	30 th June 2017 (AGM) 30 th June 2017
Joint GMCA/AGMA Executive	28 th July 2017 28 th April 2017 28 th July 2017
Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA)	30 th June 2017 (AGM) 30 th June 2017

Members raised the following questions:

Councillor Bates, GMCA, 30th June 2017, Manchester Arena Attack – Councillor Bates asked about the review and why there was no report of the Chief Fire Officer retiring.



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Councillor Stretton responded that this was a matter for the Chief Fire Officer to which when he would retire after 30 years' service.

Councillor McCann, GMCA, 30th June 2017, National Productivity Investment Fund – Councillor McCann asked for confirmation that the incorrect funding allocations and that Oldham would still be in line for the funding.

Councillor Stretton responded that she would seek clarification and respond to Councillor McCann in writing.

Councillor Murphy, GMCA, 28th July 2017, Greater Manchester Strategy Refresh – Councillor Murphy asked if there would be consultation on the amended Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF).

Councillor Stretton responded that the Council would consultation in the Local Plan which the Authority must have. Consultation would take place locally on the GMSF as before. Oldham had done more consultation than any other district in Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED that:

1. The minutes of the Joint Authority meetings as detailed in the report be noted.
2. The questions and responses provided be noted.

14b To note the Minutes of the following Partnership meetings and the relevant spokespersons to respond to questions from Members

The minutes of the Partnership meetings were submitted as follows:

Oldham Leadership Board	3 rd May 2017
	13 th July 2017
MioCare	8 th May 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Partnership meetings as detailed in the report be noted.

15 **UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services which informed members of actions that had been taken following previous Council meetings and provided feedback on other issues raised at the meeting.

Councillor Murphy spoke on the report.

RESOLVED that the Update on Actions from Council report be noted.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2016/17



Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Finance which provided details of the Treasury Management Review 2016/17 and demonstrated full compliance with the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFE Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code).

During 2016/17 the minimum reporting requirements were that Council receive the following reports:

- An annual treasury strategy in advance of the year which was approved on 24 February 2016;
- A mid-year (minimum) treasury update report which was approved on 14 December 2016; and
- An annual review following the end of the year describing the activity compared to the strategy which was this report.

The regulatory environment placed responsibility on members for the review and scrutiny of treasury management policy and activities. The presentation of the report demonstrated full compliance with the requirements as it provided the details of the outturn position for treasury activities and highlighted compliance with Council policies. The report was considered and approved at the Cabinet meeting held on 21st August 2017 who commended the report to Full Council and was noted at the Audit Committee held on 7th September 2017.

The report summarised:

- The Council's capital expenditure and financing during the year;
- Impact of this activity on the Council's underlying indebtedness (the Council Financing Requirement);
- Overall treasury position which identified how the Council had borrowed in relation to this indebtedness, and the impact on investment balances;
- Summary of interest rate movements in the year;
- Detailed debt activity;
- Detailed investment activity; and
- Reported the required prudential and treasury indicators.

An amendment was requested to the Treasury Management Statement 2017/18 with regard to unspecified investment and this was detailed at Appendix 4.

Options/Alternatives

In order that the Council complied with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Code of Practice, the Council had no option other than to consider and approve the contents of the report.

RESOLVED that:

1. The actual 2016/17 prudential treasury indicators in the report be approved.
2. The Annual Treasury Management Report for 2016/17 be approved.
3. The amendment to the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 with regard to the unspecified investments as presented at Appendix 4 of the report be approved.

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2016/17 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Finance which provided details of the 2016/17 audited Statement of Accounts and the External Audit (Grant Thornton UK LLP) Audit Findings Report. The audited Statement of Accounts was approved by the Audit Committee on 17th July 2017, considered at Cabinet at the meeting held on 21st August 2017, whereby the accounts were noted and commended to Full Council.

The report highlighted:

- The excellent Audit Findings report with an unqualified opinion and not material misstatements.
- All audit judgements had a green rating and a very positive Value for Money (VfM) opinion.
- The overall outturn position for 2016.17, a surplus of £0.130m before the transfer to earmarked reserves to support the 2017/18 budget. This was a slight decrease in the forecast underspend presented in the last financial monitoring report approved by Cabinet on 20th March 2017. Following the transfer to the 2017/18 Budget Reserve, the net General Fund movement was a decrease of £3.803m, when the revenue budget to the outturn was compared.
- The capital outturn position with an expenditure of £42.873m compared to a forecast position of £47.093m.
- The speed of the preparation of the accounts.
- The performance of the Finance Team in closing the Council's accounts and its focus on the continued improvement of its processes.

The Council had received objections to the accounts from two local electors. The External Auditor had given an opinion on the accounts. However, a formal review of the objections must take place and as a consequence, the audit could not be closed until the findings of the review had been reported.

In moving the report, Councillor Jabbar expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Finance Department led by the Director of Finance and also the Chief Executive and Executive Management Team for their contribution.

RESOLVED that the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2016/17, the Audit Findings Report and the comments provided in the report be noted.



The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 9.00 pm

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Petitions

Portfolio Holder: Various

Officer Contact: Various

Report Author: Elizabeth Droган, Head of Constitutional Services
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8th November 2017

Reason for Decision

The decision is for Elected Members to note the petitions received by Council in accordance with the Petitions Protocol.

Petitions Received

Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods

Petition related to Saddleworth School: Stop the Delay, Find a Way (Saddleworth North Ward) received on 25th September 2017 with 2,153 signatures (Ref: 2017-13)

Petition asking why Planning Permission was Granted at Keb Lane (Medlock Vale Ward) received on 11th October 2017 with 457 signatures (Ref: 2017-14)

Recommendations

It is recommended that Council note the petitions received.

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CABINET
21/08/2017 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor Stretton (Chair)
Councillors Akhtar, Chadderton, Harrison, F Hussain and
Moores

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brownridge and Jabbar.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 24th July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

6 **2016/17 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Director of Finance, which provided details of the 2016/17 approved audited Statement of Accounts and the External Auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, Audit Findings report.

It was reported that the draft 2016/17 Statement of Accounts was presented to the Audit Committee at its meeting on the 11th May 2017. The requirement and timeline for the approval of Local Authorities Statement of Accounts as set out in the Accounts and Audit Regulations required all Local Authorities to have a common 30 day public inspection period which included the first 10 working days in July.

The report highlighted:

- The excellent Audit Findings report with an unqualified opinion and no material misstatements.
- All audit judgements had a green rating and a very positive Value for Money (VFM) opinion.
- The overall revenue outturn position for 2016/17, a surplus of £0.130m before the transfer to earmarked reserves to support the 2017/18 budget. This was a slight decrease in the forecast underspend presented in the last financial monitoring report approved by Cabinet on 20 March 2017. Following the transfer to the 2017/18 Budget Reserve the net General Fund movement was a decrease of £3.803m, when comparing the revenue budget to the outturn.
- The capital outturn position with expenditure of £42.873m compared to a forecast position of £47.093m.
- The speed of the preparation of the accounts.

- The Cabinet were advised that objections had been received from two local electors and a formal review of the objections must take place and as a consequence the audit cannot be closed until the findings of the review had been reported.

Options/Alternatives considered

No alternatives are presented other than Council notes the final accounts and commends to Council.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The Council's 2016/17 final accounts, the auditor's report and the comments in that report be noted.
2. The report be commended to Full Council.

7

TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2016/17

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Director of Finance which provided details of the Treasury Management Review 2016/17 and demonstrated full compliance with the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code).

It was reported that the report summarised:

- Council's capital expenditure and financing during the year;
- Impact of this activity on the Council's underlying indebtedness (the Capital Financing Requirement);
- Overall treasury position identifying how the Council has borrowed in relation to this indebtedness, and the impact on investment balances;
- Summary of interest rate movements in the year;
- Detailed debt activity; and
- Detailed investment activity
- Reporting of the required prudential and treasury indicators

An amendment was requested to the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 with regard to unspecified investment and this was detailed at Appendix 4 to the report.

Options/Alternatives considered

In order that the Council complied with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Code of Practice the Council had no option other than to consider and approve the contents of the report.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The actual 2016/17 Prudential and Treasury Indicators in the report be approved.
2. The annual treasury management report for 2016/17 be approved.
3. The amendment to the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 with regard to unspecified investments as presented at Appendix 4 be approved.
4. The report be commended to Full Council.

8

PROCUREMENT OF A NEW BULKY WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Director Environmental Services which sought approval to delegate authority to the relevant Executive Director, to award the new contract for bulky waste collections.

It was reported that standard procurement protocol would be that Cabinet would award the contract however to delegate the contract award to the relevant Executive Director, would enable greater flexibility at the end of the procurement process to facilitate the changeover between contractors and minimise any potential service disruption.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – That Cabinet take the decision to award the contract, this would have an impact of service transition.

Option 2 – That cabinet delegate the contract award to the relevant Executive Director to enable flexibility within the process.

RESOLVED – The Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at Item 11 before making a decision.

9

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF AGMA SECTION 48 GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Health and Wellbeing which sought formal consideration to be given to the closure of the current Association of Greater Manchester Authorities, (AGMA) Section 48 Grants Scheme, with a view to its replacement by a scheme operated by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA).

It was reported that each of the ten AGMA Authorities were being asked to consider approving a consultation on the closure of the current scheme and the developing of a new funding programme under the GMCA.

The current criteria for the scheme was shaped around funding the activities of local not for profit organisations which met three main objectives.

Option 1 – That consideration be given to the closure of the Section 48 AGMA Grants Programme and that a consultation on the closure of the scheme be undertaken by AGMA to inform a final decision on closure at a later date.

Option 2 – That the development of a new funding programme for culture under the GMCA as a potential replacement for the Section 48 scheme is supported.

RESOLVED – That:

1. Initial consideration was given to the case for closure of the Section 48 AGMA Grants programme and authorisation be given on a consultation on closure of the scheme, this was to be undertaken by AGMA to inform a final decision on closure to be taken at a later date.
2. The development of a new funding programme for culture, under the GMCA, as a potential replacement for the Section 48 Scheme be supported.
3. The intention to run the consultation for a new CA programme for culture at the same time as the

consultation on closure of the Section 48 scheme be noted.



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10 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

11 **PROCUREMENT OF A NEW BULKY WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT**

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 8 – Procurement of a New Bulky Waste Contract.

RESOLVED – That authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods to award the new contract for bulky waste collections following evaluation of the bids as a result of the competitive tender process.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.08 pm

Present: Councillor Jabbar (Chair)
Councillors Akhtar, Brownridge, Chadderton, Harrison,
F Hussain and Moores

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Stretton.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Harrison declared a pecuniary interest at Items 7 and 16 Counthill, Moorside: Selection of Preferred Developer for Residential Development by virtue of owning a property adjacent to the development. Councillor Harrison left the room and took no part in voting thereon.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st August 2017 be approved as a correct record.

6 **ADOPTION NOW REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY**

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Director Children's Social Care and Early Help which sought approval for the Oldham Adoption Service to become part of the formally established Adoption North west, Regional Adoption Agency (Adoption NoW, RAA).

It was reported that The Education and Adoption Act 2016 required Local Authority adoption services to regionalise by 2020. In response to the legislation, the Council, as a result of discussions between adoption leads from a number of agencies, entered into a partnership comprising two voluntary agencies and six local authorities initially operating as West Pennine. Following consultation, the RAA was rebranded as Adoption NoW, and would create a single regional service operating across six Local Authority areas in partnership with two voluntary agencies.

Approval was given by the Leaders, Lead Cabinet Members and Directors of Children's Services of the six Councils for the development of a Regional Adoption Agency bid which was successful and funding was provided by the Department for Education to formally establish the Regional Adoption Agency. Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – To support the establishment of the Adoption NoW Regional Adoption Agency and the proposed creation of a Regional Adoption Agency Steering Committee. The proposal

would be consistent with the Greater Manchester devolution aims for collaboration, the move towards increase collaboration between North West Authorities and the Governments agenda to establish regional adoption agencies.

Option 2 – Not to support the proposals for the formal establishment of the Adoption NoW Regional Adoption Agency.

RESOLVED – That Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at Item 15 of the agenda, before making a decision.

7

COUNTHILL, MOORSIDE: SELECTION OF PREFERRED DEVELOPER FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Harrison declared a pecuniary interest at Items 7 and 16 Counthill, Moorside: Selection of Preferred Developer for Residential Development by virtue of owning a property adjacent to the development. Councillor Harrison left the room and took no part in voting thereon.

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Economy and Skills which provided details of the outcome of the selection process for a developer of the former Counthill School site.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) was published in July 2016, and following careful evaluation and consideration of all responses, 6 companies were invited to the Invite To Tender stage (ITT).

Evaluation of the bids was in line with the report submitted to Cabinet in August 2014 and the bids were assessed against a combination of quality and price criteria. The information in relation to the submission of the bids was detailed at paragraph 2.6 of the report.

In addition to the capital payment for the site, each bidder was also required to allocated £100,000 towards highways improvements to Haven Lane and Counthill Road and would be required to provide parking for users of the sports hall on Counthill Road to alleviate parking problems in the locality.

Option/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – Appoint Redrow Homes to develop the site as proposed within their bid. This would enable 60 high quality homes to be built.

Option 2 – Do not appoint. The site could be remarketed, resulting in lengthy delay and further cost with no guarantee that the Council would receive a better offer.

Option 3 – Do nothing and leave the site vacant.

RESOLVED – That Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information as detailed at Item of the agenda before making a decision.

8

NSL PARKING ENFORCEMENT / SERVICE CONTRACT

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods, which sought approval to extend the NSL Parking Management and Enforcement contract period for a further two years from the 25th June 2021 to 25th June 2023 as provided for in the original contract.

In March 2017, the Council agreed an approved budget proposal to initiate bus lane enforcement. Due to required



highway infrastructure and ICT interface works it was projected that bus lane enforcement would commence in September 2017.

As part of the further two year extension to the existing contract, NSL would agree to finance the capital and revenue costs associated with the installation of the camera system via Siemens Zenco Lane Watch, NSL would also fund the additional costs for interface back to office systems.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – The Council's parking service funds the bus lane camera costs as detailed within the report for 4 additional cameras, as a one off capital cost. In addition the Council's parking service would have to self-fund the associated revenue costs per annum.

Option 2 – NSL funds the bus lane camera costs as detailed in the report with the Council reimbursing NSL monthly through the contract valuations to the current expiry date 25th June 2021.

Option 3 – The Council accepts NSL's commercial offer as detailed in Section 4 of the report, whereby NSL provides the investment, subject to receiving an extension to their existing contract to 25th June 2023 for a further two years as provided for in Section F8 of the original contract agreement.

RESOLVED – That Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information as detailed at Item 17 of the agenda before making a decision.

9

WELL NORTH COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Health and Wellbeing which sought approval to enter into a collaboration agreement with the Public Health England funded programme, Well North to enable a local programme to continue to implementation stage.

Well North was a strategic collaboration between Public Health England, the University of Manchester and nine lead Local Authorities for areas across the north of England.

The Vision of Well North was to transform neighbourhoods into dynamic communities in which local people can live, work and thrive. The local programme of Growing Oldham: Feeding Ambition was focused around developing a programme of activity on the growing food economy in Oldham.

Supporting both the Well North focus of collaborating with communities and Oldham's co-operative approach, the local programme was being led by the Growing Oldham: Feeding Ambition Partnership, working together to support key food priorities for Oldham and to drive a sustainable co-operative approach to food.

Options/Alternatives

Option 1 – Enter into the collaboration agreement between Oldham Council and Well North. This would commit the Council formally to the Well North programme and enable phase 1 funding to be used in the implementation stage. It would also formalise the relationship and involvement between Oldham Council and the Well North Programme which started in July 2015.

Option 2 – Do not enter into the collaboration agreement Oldham Council and Well North.



RESOLVED – That:

1. Authority be given to enter into the collaboration agreements between Oldham Council and Well North.
2. The co-operative approach and collaboration between partners through the Growing Oldham: Feeding Ambition Partnership, and the role of the Council as an accountable body in this arrangement be noted.
3. Authority be given to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing for future decisions in relation to the finances of the Well North programme.

10

REQUEST AN EXEMPTION TO CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO KEYRING

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Health and Wellbeing which sought approval for an exemption to the Contract Procedure Rules to award a contract to Keyring Living Support Networks.

The report provided details of the benefits to the Borough of this unique service delivery model, which enabled vulnerable people across the Borough to continue to receive support that would enable them to live independently and contribute positively to their community.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – Allow the contract to expire on 31st August 2017. This was not regarded as a beneficial option for the council given the service successfully manages a demands away from higher cost interventions.

Option 2 – Tender the service. This was not regarded as a beneficial option for the Council due to the bespoke nature of the model, the consistently high quality of service and the proven commitment of the organisation to work with the Council.

Option 3 – To seek an exemption from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules to award a contract to Keyring Living Support Networks at the current contract charges.

Option 4 – To seek an exemption from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules to award a contract to Keyring Living Support Networks at a block contract value.

RESOLVED – That:

1. An exemption from the contract procedure Rules to award a contract to KeyRing Living Support Networks be approved.
2. A contract be awarded to KeyRing Living Support Networks on or after 1st September 2017 to 31st August 2018 at the current contract charges.

11

INCOME STRATEGY 2018/19 TO 2021/22

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Finance which set out the Council's strategy for income generation for the current medium term financial planning period (2018/19 to 2021/22).

The proposed income strategy set out in the report covered all material sources of revenue which finance day to day service

provision including, Government Grants, Council Tax, Business Rates, Fees Charges and other contributions.

The strategy also considered investment opportunities, opportunities relating to trading service and chargeable activities and the process for setting charges and collection efficiency.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – Approve the income strategy for Oldham Council for the period 2018/19 to 20121/22.

Option 2 – Not to approve the income strategy for Oldham Council for the period 2018/19 to 20121/22.



RESOLVED – That:

1. The strategic objectives set out in Section 2.1 of the report be approved.
2. Measures to increase Council Tax and Business Rates revenue as set out in 2.3 and 2.4 of the report be approved.
3. The creation of robust arrangements for undertaking due diligence and assessing risks in relation to new investment proposals to address the issues as set out at paragraph 2.6.5 be approved.
4. Measures to rationalise the Council's existing property holdings including developing a high level Medium Term Property Strategy and Asset Management plan be approved. Continued efforts to review all traded services and chargeable activities be approved.
5. Measures to improve collection efficiency, in particular measures to switch income collection away from billing/sundry debtors towards upfront payment services be approved.
6. The development of delivery plans aligned to the strategic objectives as set out in the report be approved.

12

REVENUE MONITOR AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2017/18 QUARTER 1 – JUNE 2017

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Finance which provided Cabinet with an update on the Council's 2017/18 forecast revenue budget position and the financial position of the Capital Programme as at 30th June 2017, together with the revised capital programme of 2017/21, as outlined in section 2 of the report at Annex 2.

The current forecast outturn position for 2017/18 was a projected favourable variance of £0.152m after allowing for approved and pending transfers to and from reserves.

The original Capital Programme for 2017/18 totalled £69.783m, the revised capital programme as at quarter 1 taking into account approved carry forwards, approved new schemes and variations and proposed variations gave projected revised expenditure of £84.389m.

It was noted that the forecast position would change significantly before the years end with additional re-profiling to future years.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – To approve forecast revenue and capital positions presented in the report including proposed changes.

Options 2 – To approve some of the forecasts and changes included within the report

Options 3 – Not to approve any of the forecasts and changes included in the report.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The forecast revenue outturn for 2017/18 at Quarter 1 being a £0.152m under spend.
2. The forecast positions for both the HRA and Collection Fund be approved.
3. The use of reserves as detailed in Appendix 1 to Annex 1 of the report be approved.
4. The revised capital programme for 2017/2021 as at Quarter 1 be approved.
5. The allocation of grant funding totalling £0.209m to Adult Social Care in month 4 be approved.

13

COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT JUNE 2017

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Head of Business Intelligence which provided a review of Council performance for June 2017.

The report provided the Cabinet with an overview of the Council's performance against priorities outlined within the Corporate Plan, which had been monitored in the period April to June 2017.

It was reported that of the rated measures detailed within the report 56% had met the target and 88% of the Corporate Plan Actions for this month were on track or had been met.

Options/Alternatives considered

To note the Council performance April to June 2017.

RESOLVED – That the Council Performance Report June 2017 be noted.

14

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

15

ADOPTION NOW REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 6 – Adoption NoW Regional Adoption Agency.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The formal establishment of the Adoption NoW Regional Adoption Agency be approved.

2. The creation of a Regional Adoption Agency Steering Group be approved.
3. The delegated authority be given to the Lead Member for Safeguarding, Councillor Harrison for any decisions required as the Regional Adoption Agency continued to develop.

16

COUNTHILL, MOORSIDE: SELECTION OF PREFERRED DEVELOPER FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Harrison declared a pecuniary interest at Items 7 and 16 Counthill, Moorside: Selection of Preferred Developer for Residential Development by virtue of owning a property adjacent to the development. Councillor Harrison left the room and took no part in voting thereon.

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 16 - Counthill, Moorside: Selection of Preferred Developer for Residential Development.

RESOLVED – That:

1. A contract be awarded to Redrow Homes as the preferred bidder for the development at the Counthill site.
2. The finalisation of the legal documentation be delegated to the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Director of Economy and Skills and the Director of Legal Services or his nominated representative to be authorised to seal the development agreement any incidental and ancillary documentation referred to in this report.
3. Recommendation 3 of the commercially sensitive report is agreed.

17

NSL PARKING ENFORCEMENT / SERVICE CONTRACT

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 17 - NSL Parking Enforcement / Service Contract.

RESOLVED – That an extension to contract period for the NSL Parking Enforcement/Service for two years until to 25th June 2023 be approved.

The meeting started at 18.00 and finished at 18.22.

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URGENT KEY DECISIONS TAKEN FROM 21ST NOVEMBER 2016 TO 27TH OCTOBER 2017

Title of Report and Date of Approval	Reason the Report was Exempt from Call-In	Decision
Planning Application Fees (30 March 2017)	Approval had been given under Rule 17 of the Council's Constitution by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny to action this report as urgent. The reason for the urgency was to comply with the DCLG guidelines due to the Parliamentary Process Fees Regulations were required to go through and a quicker decision was required to ensure the Council could take advantage. The decision could not wait until the end of the call-in period because it could not be reasonably deferred due to the DCLG's restricted timeline.	RESOLVED that the Council's application to increase planning fees by 20% to ensure the Council benefited from the additional revenues be approved.
Proposed Upgrade of the UTC to meet the Demand for Pupils Places in Oldham in September 2017 (3 July 2017)	Approval had been given under Rule 17 of the Council's Constitution by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny to action this report as urgent. The reason for the urgency was the need to achieve/deliver/comply with the Council's statutory responsibility to meet the demand for pupil places in September 2017. The decision could not wait for the end of the call-in period because parents and pupils need to be informed before the end of the academic term about the placing options available to them in order to make a decision and prepare for their new school entry in	RESOLVED that the required capital spend to upgrade the UTC building in order that it could cater for an intake of Year 7 Pupils in September 2017 be authorised.

	September.	
Additional Funding Allocation Granted to Oasis Academy, Oldham to Place Additional Pupil Numbers on the Roll from September 2017	Approval had been given under Rule 17 of the Council's Constitution by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny to action this report as urgent. The reason for the urgency was the need to comply with the Council's statutory responsibility to ensure adequate school places were available for all pupils in the borough. The decision could not wait for the call-in period because of the statutory responsibility to accommodate pupil places for September 2017 must be resolved across the borough by at least two weeks prior to the end of the academic session to allow parents and pupils to plan and prepare for their new placements in September 2017.	RESOLVED that the required financial per pupil spend to conclude the process as set out in Section 6 of the report be authorised.
Transport for the North	Approval had been given under Rule 17 of the Council's Constitution by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny to action this report as urgent. The reason was to comply with the timelines given by the Secretary of State and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA).	RESOLVED that Oldham Council, formally consents to the making of Regulations by the Secretary of State for Transport under Section 102J of the Local Transport Act 2008 and to enable Transport for the North, which is to become a Sub-national Transport Body (STB) to exercise concurrently with Oldham Council, local highway functions.



Minutes

UNITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

27 June 2017

Members' Meeting Room - Civic Centre, Oldham, OL1 1NL

5.30 pm

Present: Councillors Dean and Jabbar

Emma Alexander
Helen Gerling

Simon Miller
Fabiola Fuschi
Pam Siddall

Business Services Director, Kier
Interim Director of Commercial and
Transformation, Oldham Metropolitan
Borough Council (OMBC)
Service Delivery Director, Unity
Constitutional Services Officer, OMBC
Revenues, Benefits and Customer
Services Service Delivery Manager,
Unity

1 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sykes and Stretton and Ray Ward.

2 Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the Unity Partnership Board meeting held on 27th February 2017 be approved as a correct record.

There were no matters arising.

3 Management Update Report (Standing Item)

Board Members were informed that Unity Partnership had celebrated 10 years since its establishment in 2007. The organisation was going through the redesign of its web-site. Amongst other achievements, Unity had been invited by the Careers Enterprise Company to be an Enterprise Advisory for the Oldham area.

Consideration was given to a progress report of the Unity Management Team on the performance of the services delivered by the partnership during Quarter 4 (i.e.: January, February and March) 2016/17. The Service Delivery Director presented the report and addressed the enquiries of the Board Members.

Highways

The Highways IT system had gone live in April which coincided with the Council's new financial year. An embedment period had followed to allow the service to



integrate new methods of working whilst ensuring KPIs continued to be met. The new system would allow efficient processing of service requests, data review and live system access.

The annual self-assessment, required by the Department for Transport, had been completed and the service had scored Band 3 rating for the Council's Highways and Engineering service as a whole. This meant the achievement of the highest rating which maximised the Incentive Funding received from the Government.

Property

Several professional achievements of the Unity's Property team were celebrated. A purchase order for the 2017/18 Work Plan had been issued on 29th March 2017 by the Council at the level of the 2016/17 Work Plan.

Issues with billing by British Gas continued to be addressed. This would lead to further savings for the Council.

Unity continued to work closely with the Council to progress the Strategic Property Programme to revise the overall provision of Property Services in order to achieve new income and savings. An agreement on benchmarking proposals had been achieved.

Revenues

A 0.1% Oldham's Council Tax in-year collection rate had been achieved compared to 2015/16. Additional resources had led to an increase of 2.7% in the collection performance of council tax reduction. Oldham's Business Rate collection rate position had also improved of 0.4% compared to 2015/16. However, due to several reasons, the introduction of Universal Credit was expected to have a detrimental impact on 2017/18 collection rate performance. In order to mitigate the risk that this new benefit process might have on collection rate performance, many service improvement projects, led by the Universal Credit Project Team, were in progress. Furthermore, the team was working on the cheque to Bankers' Automated Clearing Service (BACS) projects to allow Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefit overpayments to be refunded via BACS. This project and the introduction of two additional on-line self-services would be introduced by the end of June 2017.

Board Members noted that there was a discrepancy concerning the Business Rate collection figure described in the report. Reassurance was given that the figure in the report would be amended as it was not correct.

Board Members requested clarification with regards to the Review of the Council Tax Single Person Discount and asked for the review to take place on line.

Benefit Service and Access Oldham

KPI EB1 (i.e.: time taken to process Housing/Council Tax Benefits) had been achieved. Aspirational targets such as Accuracy in the assessment of Housing Benefits and Council Tax reduction, Customer Satisfaction and Percentage of customer seen within 30 minutes had also been achieved in Quarter 4.

Board Members sought and received clarification on the Audit rating and the Housing Benefit function.

Transactional Finance



The recovery service for the Council of overpaid Housing Benefits owed in respect of First Choice Homes Oldham tenancies continued to be effectively provided by Unity. The service had changed the way it issued its refunds that now are transferred via BACS.

Contact Centre

The Contact Centre had achieved the aspirational targets across all four KPIs in Quarter 4 of 2016/17. Although members of staff had been engaged with training on the new Highway system and a call logging exercise, performance levels had been maintained.

HR (Advisory and Payroll)

Unity had continued to work on the A1 Programme which was still in development at go live. Consequently, a number of issues had arisen that had caused significant pressure on the HR and Payroll Team. Progress had been made to stabilise the system.

Board Members asked and received clarification on the Audit rating and the Payroll function.

IT

The service continued to perform well with all KPIs being met. The IT strategy document was expected to be approved by Elected Members imminently. The strategy would allow the implementation of projects to improve the day to day interaction experience of Council Users and residents.

The Board Members sought and received clarification on the timeline for the implementation of the Technical Roadmap.

The Board was also informed that Unity had supported the Transformation Programme taking part in several projects such as the Highways and Waste IT system, A1 Programme, Resident First, Universal Credit, Records Centre Review and Print and Post Review.

The Board acknowledged the achievements of the Get Oldham Working Campaign.

KPI Performance

Board Members were informed of the KPI results across the 11 service areas managed by Unity. Members sought and received clarification on the Payroll outcomes for the last three months of 2016/17.

Business Development

The Board was informed that Unity would be present at annual conference and exhibition of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy in Manchester in July and in the Main Sponsor slot at the Local Authority Summit in Salford in August. A Growth Investment plan was in progress and it would be presented to the Joint Venture Board in July.

The Board:

- 1. Noted the Management Update report.**



2. Requested to publicise locally the recognition of Unity as an Enterprise Advisory for the Oldham area by the Careers Enterprise Company.
3. Requested that residents access the Council Tax Single Person Discount Review on line. The relevant officers would develop a system to submit at the next briefing.
4. Requested to pass a note of thanks to all members of staff who worked at Access Oldham relocation and delivery.
5. Requested that a comprehensive improvement plan on the Payroll function be brought to a future meeting of the Board.
6. Separate discussion on the IT – timeline for the Technical Road Map.
7. Requested that an up to date version of the KPI be circulated to all Board Members.

4 Highway ICT System project - quarterly update

Consideration was given to a progress report of the Head of Highways and Engineering on the implementation of a new Highway System which had gone live on 8th March 2017, following a period of successful User Acceptance Testing and the completion of training for key users. A Lesson Learned Session had also been held with the project team in May 2017. The Board had received regular updates on the delivery of the new system at its previous meetings. A phase closure report was currently being prepared for the Project Board.

The Board noted the update on the Highway ICT System.

5 Housing Benefit Position - quarterly update

The Board gave consideration to a progress report of the Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services Service Delivery Manager on the performance against the “Right Time Indicator” concerning the time taken to process Housing and Council Tax benefit new claims and change events. It was reported that the aspirational target had been exceeded and Oldham had ranked first amongst the local authorities in Greater Manchester that had provided the information.

Board Members asked and received clarification on the reduction of backlog in the last quarter of 2016/17.

The Board noted the Housing Benefit Position quarterly update.

6 Contract Change Reports

The Board gave consideration to the following Contract Change reports (CCR) which were presented at its meeting:

- CCR 203 Additional Resource from 1st April 2016
- CCR 217 Transfer Recurring ICT Revenue Consequential into Core Price
- CCR 218 Amendments to the Services provided by the Partner to the Council
- CCR 220 Removal of 3% GASC Reduction Obligation
- CCR 228 Change to ICT KPI measure 2ICT5”

Board Members sought and received clarification on the Council Tax collection rate and how the change in the landscape had been reflected in setting the target for 2017/18.



The Board:

- 1. Noted the Contract Change reports.**
- 2. Requested that in future the Contract Change reports be presented at the briefing that preceded the Board's meeting.**
- 3. Requested that CCR 203 be reconsidered at the briefing that preceded the next Board's meeting.**

7 AOB

There were no items of any other business.

8 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Board noted the date and time of the next meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 5.30pm.

The meeting started at 5.30 pm and ended at 6.55 pm

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MioCare Group
[Oldham Care and Support Ltd: MioCare Services Ltd]
Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting
31st July 2017
Public Minutes

Present:	Board members Cllr Zahid Chauhan (Chair) Peter White – Deputy Chair, Non-Executive Board Member Cllr Jenny Harrison (CllrJH) Cllr John F McCann (CllrJMc) Cllr Ginny Alexander (CllrGA) Karl Dean – Managing Director (KD)	In attendance Paul Whitehead - Director of Finance and Resources (PW) Diane Taylor – Associate Director LD &MH (DT) June Rainford – Associate Director OPS & COoH (JR) Valerie Perrins – Associate Director QPC (VP) Mark Warren – Director Adult Social Care (MW) Sarah Southern – Business Admin Manager (Minutes)
Apologies:	Mick Ord – Non Executive Board Member (MO)	Maggie Kufeldt – OMBC Exec Director acting as shareholder’s advisor to the Board

No	Agenda Item	Action
3	In Confidence – Board Member Only KD provided Board Members with an update in relation to Pay and Reward Review.	
For Information		
1	Welcome, Introduction, attendees and apologies The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were received from Mick Ord (who had provided a written response to the papers to the Chair) and Maggie Kufeldt.	
2	Declaration of Interest CllrJMc is a member of the Unity Partnership – JVCo Board and Unity Partnership Ltd - Partnership Board.	

	<p>CLrJH declared that her sibling is currently residing in Medlock Court.</p> <p>MW is the lead Commissioner for the Home Care Service.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>a) The confidential minutes of the last Board Meeting held on 8th May 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>b) The public minutes of the last Board Meeting held on 8th May 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>c) The board action list was discussed and updated accordingly.</p> <p>d) The minutes from the Operations Committee held on 12th June 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
5	<p>Governance Action Plan</p> <p>Chair offered Members the opportunity to comment on the Governance Action plan.</p> <p>KD explained that the actions that have now been completed and will be removed from the action plan.</p> <p>All other actions are on target.</p>	
6	<p>New Board member Role Profiles and Person Specifications</p> <p>The Board noted the new Role Profiles and Person Specifications.</p>	
For Discussion		
7	<p>Project Update</p> <p>KD gave an update on the following:</p> <p>a) MioCare Review Implementation Plan - KD explained that the project board has now concluded as the majority of the work is complete or is being actioned through other work streams. For completeness, the action plan will be updated and brought to September's board.</p> <p>Action: KD to bring project tracker to September Board for information.</p> <p>b) Pay and Reward – KD fed back that the sessions he recently held with staff were positive and that he has been holding regular meetings with the unions as part of the consultation process.</p>	KD
8	<p>MD update</p> <p>KD gave an update on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the mid – way point in the financial year, MioCare Group is currently performing better than budget. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KD has been meeting with senior officers in other organisations to map what organisations can offer collaboratively in the interim period until the ICO has been formed. - KD has been meeting regularly with David Smith from First Choice Homes Oldham (FCHO) and a joint bid was submitted to the CGG which was successful to carry out preventative work with people over the age of 75. - Ian Hulse has now been appointed as Operations Manager over MioCare Service's and starts 1st August 2017. - The Strategic Business Plan will come to September's Board Meeting. <p>The following items were then discussed in more detail:</p> <p>The Supported Living team have recently carried out an excellent piece of work and have overseen the repatriation of a service user that was placed out of borough many years ago. The gentleman has been accommodated with a very positive transition.</p> <p>MW thanked MioCare on behalf of the Commissioners. The team worked hard and showed real dedication into making the process as seamless as possible. The work is much appreciated and MioCare have set the standard on how things can be done in the future.</p> <p>PW thanked KD for the paper, he stated he find it extremely useful as it gives an insight into what is currently happening across the whole of the business.</p> <p>Members all agreed that they also find it useful.</p>	
9	<p>Risk Management Framework – New Approach</p> <p>PWh explained that as agreed at the last meeting in May, the format of the risk register has now been changed.</p> <p>The key objective of the framework and what the company aims to achieve are now linked to the strategic objective for the Group.</p> <p>PWh then gave an overview of the changes to the register and explained how the evaluation of risks now follows the 4 T's approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treat - Tolerate - Transfer - Terminate <p>PWh stated that subject to Board approval, this format will be rolled out across the full register.</p> <p>PW thought the new approach was much better. It is now much clearer how the risks link to the strategic register. However, he still feels that it is missing the link to the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee and asked if an Audit plan comes to board for approval.</p> <p>PWh responded that yes an audit plan does come to board for approval, it's normally later in the financial year.</p>	

	<p>AGREED: All members present agreed to the new format of the risk register being adopted.</p>	
10	<p>Management Accounts Period 6</p> <p>PW gave an update on the management accounts as they stand at period 6.</p> <p>The performance across MioCare Group shows a positive variance of £115k. This is better than expected however it is forecasted that there will be a negative financial performance between now and the end of the financial year (December) and the final year end figure is forecasted to be -£47k.</p>	
For Decision		
11	<p>New Terms of Reference for Approval</p> <p>KD explained that it was agreed at the last Board Away Day that the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Board should be developed. KD offered that the company's articles and adopted practices had been used to inform the TOR.</p> <p>AGREED: All Board Members present agreed to the Terms of Reference.</p>	
12	<p>Supported Living Redesign</p> <p>KD presented a paper which recommended that there was an additional investment in the Supported Living Management structure.</p> <p>Chair stated that supports the changes and in his opinion more localised leadership helps benefit staff / workforce.</p> <p>ClrJMc offered that he feels the key to these changes is the offer of new career opportunities for existing staff.</p> <p>Chair asked if members agreed to the changes as outlined in the report.</p> <p>APPROVED: All Members present agreed to the implementation of option 2b including the additional associated costs involved.</p>	
13	<p>Home Care</p> <p>KD presented a paper on the challenges of Home Care</p> <p>AGREED: All members present agreed to the support the recommended option.</p>	
14	<p>Ena Hughes Day Care Business Case</p> <p>PWh presented a business case for establishing a new 'Day Care' service.</p> <p>AGREED: All members present agreed to the support the business case. The Chair asked that an update on the service is provided at November's board meeting.</p>	

15	<p>AOB and Close</p> <p>KD would like a Board Away Day to be held in October. SS will check member's availability.</p> <p>ACTION: KD to arrange Board Away Day for October 2017</p>	KD
	<p>Date and Time of next meeting:</p> <p>Monday 18th September 2017, 9.30 – 11.30am at Ena Hughes Resource Centre, Failsworth</p>	

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HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD
27/06/2017 at 2.00 pm



Present: Councillor Dearden (Chair)
Councillors Blyth, Chauhan, Harrison, Moores and Price

Dr Zuber Ahmed	Oldham CCG
Jax Effiong	Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service
Neil Evans	Greater Manchester Police
Carolyn Wood	Director of Nursing (ROH)
Katy Calvin-Thomas	Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Caroline Drysdale	Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
Denis Gizzi	Managing Director, Oldham NHS Clinical Commissioning Group
Majid Hussain	Lay Chair Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Dr Keith Jeffery	Oldham CCG
Maggie Kufeldt	Executive Director – Health and Wellbeing
Alan Higgins	Director of Public Health
Dr Ian Wilkinson	Oldham CCG
Liz Windsor-Welsh	Voluntary Action Oldham

Also in Attendance:
Oliver Collins Principal Policy Officer
Sian Walter-Browne Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Nicola Firth, Cath Green, and Stuart Lockwood.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were two items of urgent business.

1) Manchester Arena

The Chair said the following

“I just wanted to express, and I am sure all Board members will join me in this, my thoughts and thanks, to all the officers and organisations that were involved in the immediate response, and subsequent support provided to the victims, families and friends of those affected by the Manchester bombing attack on the 22nd May.

The response to events that took place that night will have been planned and practiced for by the emergency services, in the hope that they never had to be put into practice. Unfortunately they did, but all indications are that the response from all involved was first-rate. From the co-ordinated Police, Ambulance and Fire Service response within minutes of the attack, to the Hospitals across Manchester who cared, and are still caring, for those injured in the attack, and to the counselling

and community services that are supporting the affected individuals and communities come to terms with the aftermath of the night”.

2) Fire Safety in Tower Blocks

Jax Effiong updated the Board on the risk assessments and reassurance visits being undertaken. Where in-depth assessments had been undertaken, there had been a number of failures found in relation to cladding, fire doors and escape routes.

A community event would take place locally in conjunction with FCHO, for which a date was yet to be fixed.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The following public question was received:-

RE: NHS England missing target for ‘Urgent’ eating disorder referrals

On the NHS England news site on the 23rd May 2017, there was an item on the above topic. I ask this body to look at this item and bring it to the next Health & Wellbeing Board in June.

I would like to know:

- 1) Does this affect anyone within this borough
- 2) If so, what is the current position of what is stated on this item, on the time people have to wait
- 3) Will you be looking if patients with eating disorders are having to wait to be seen longer than stated within the report.
- 4) I would like to see updates when appropriate to be brought to the Board.

The following responses were provided:-

- 1) No
- 2) Not applicable
- 3) All patients have been seen within the guidance times.
- 4) The Board is happy to provide this information as it moves forward. It is worth noting that, as this is a national requirement, CCGs and providers are both monitored in relation to this.

Further information was also provided. A new Community Eating Disorder Service (CEDS) has been developed (commenced 4 July 2016) across the footprint of Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust (due to economies of scale). As the guidance stipulates a minimum 500,000 total population footprint, Oldham has jointly commissioned the service with neighbouring CCGs to ensure adequate population coverage. A single borough model with an enhancement to current eating disorder provision, with a

dedicated eating disorder community-based team in the south (Trafford, Stockport and Tameside & Glossop) and north (Oldham, Bury, Heywood Middleton and Rochdale); and a single service model with dedicated eating disorder community-based team across all localities. The service is in line with the recently published “Access and Waiting Time Standard for Children and Young People with an Eating Disorder Commissioning Guide” (2015), i.e. waiting times are achieving national targets:

- Children and young people with eating disorders (urgent cases) that wait 1 week or less from referral to start of NICE-approved treatment.
- Children and young people with eating disorders (routine cases) that wait 4 weeks or less from referral to start of NICE-approved treatment.

The service currently operates from temporary accommodation, but a permanent base has been sourced. Once the permanent base is operational, drop-in/activities provision will be available out-of-hours (1-8pm Monday to Friday) and at weekends (10am-4pm), with space for an information/mini library. Young people will be able to have up to 3 sessions per week, offering early evening or weekend times to support working parents and school/college attendance. Day provision will continue to be offered on a case-by-case basis through the Horizon inpatient unit with the community eating disorder service facilitating step down to intensive home and community support. Healthy Young Minds (formerly known as CAMHS) will be required to support service delivery where there is co-morbidity and utilise the community eating disorder staff for consultation and supervision around the eating disorder aspects of the young person’s presentation. Whilst there are many benefits of this model, it is anticipated that this service will see a reduction in those children and young people who self-harm and negate the need in some circumstances for crisis intervention.

It is an innovative community-based eating disorder service with a framework for service delivery that is entirely congruent with the Future in Mind ambition.

For further information regarding the service, please see Healthy Young Minds website:

<http://healthyyoungmindspennine.nhs.uk/eatingdisorders/>

5 **HEALTH PROTECTION MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes from the Health Protection Group meeting held on 12th April 2017 be noted.

6 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2017 be approved as a correct record.

7 **ACTION LOG**

RESOLVED that the Action Log from the meeting held on 14th March be noted and the JSNA terms of reference be agreed.



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8 **MEETING OVERVIEW**

RESOLVED that the meeting overview for the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 23rd June 2017 be noted.

9 **GM HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP**

The Board gave consideration to a report updating them on recent meetings of the GM Health and Social Care Partnership.

The Board considered in particular:-

- GM Business Rate Retention Pilot
- GM Children's Health & Wellbeing Board
- GM Working Well

The Board were informed that resources would not be pooled at GM level and would go to individual authorities. The main choice in relation to priorities remained with the Board and local partners.

The Board noted the terms of reference for the Children's Health and Wellbeing Board. This would be a strong partnership to take the agenda forward and there would be a review of current children's groups in Oldham to identify how they could best connect together and to Greater Manchester.

The Board noted the GM Working Well plan that was mainly aimed at those people who were at risk of losing their employment though ill health.

RESOLVED that the update be noted and that further reports would be received as matters progressed.

10 **ICO DEVELOPMENTS AND GM TRANSFORMATION FUND – DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING FUNCTION AND INTEGRATED CARE ORGANISATION**

The Board gave consideration to a report and received a presentation updating them on the progress made with the design of both the Strategic Commissioning Function (SCF) and the Managed Care Organisation (MCO), and a timeline of activity going forwards.

It was intended that services would become more blended and less isolated. Prime providers would manage whole delivery not just their own organisational outcomes. This was considered to be an easy model for providers to move towards quickly, avoiding the risk of only a single provider.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be noted
2. The matter be considered for further discussion at the Board's development session in July.

11

DEMENTIA BUDDY GUARDIAN ANGELS

The Board gave consideration to a report the Dementia Buddy Guardian Angel project, aimed at supporting people living with Alzheimer's and Dementia and also helping their respective families and carers.

The project aimed to provide Dementia and Alzheimer's sufferers with two free 'Guardian Angel' devices, which were very simple to use. The Board noted that the devices had been developed to allow members of the public to use their phones in a contactless method to scan the device. The 'Tap Your Phone To Get Them Home' method would give them the name and an emergency contact number of the person who is in need of help.

The devices were intended to be worn all the time to give people an increased level of independence to go out, whilst helping to make them as safe as they possibly could be.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be noted.
2. The Board thanked the Project for taking the time to come and talk to them and asked that the Project be invited to the next meeting of the Dementia Partnership in August.

12

HEALTH PROTECTION ANNUAL REPORT

The Board gave consideration to the Health Protection Annual Report. This Report enabled the Director of Public Health to provide assurance to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) that the health of the residents of Oldham was being protected in a proactive and effective way.

The Annual Report summarised the main areas of work considered by the Health Protection Sub-Group (HPSG) over the period of 1st April 2016 -31st March 2017. It included a range of priorities identified including performance measured against the Public Health Outcomes Framework.

The Board were informed that the themes were a combination of maintaining good outcomes and addressing any poor performance. The HPSG had also raised and discussed over the last two years any emerging priorities identified from partner organisations where additional assurance is required.

The Report provided examples of some of the Health Protection successes, challenges and asks of the HWBB.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

13

CAMHS TRANSFORMATION PLAN

The Board gave consideration to the refreshed CAMHS Transformation Plan. This plan particularly focussed on the changes that the additional CAMHS Transformational Plan

investment had brought about over the course of the last eighteen months. It addressed the following areas: ambition, early intervention and governance. Additionally, the 'transparency' and 'challenges' sections had been strengthened.

The Board were informed that the revised and refreshed Plan included a comprehensive action plan. The Board noted that there was a change in approach to young people's mental health and it was intended to provide young people with much easier access to lower-level mental health provision

RESOLVED that the Plan be approved.

14

MH2K

The Board gave consideration to a report that updated them with regard to the MH:2K mental health project.

MH:2K was a pilot project delivered in Oldham From September 2016 – June 2017, funded by the Wellcome Trust People Award, Oldham Council and Oldham Clinical Commissioning Group. MH:2K aimed to enable young people to explore mental health issues and influence decision-making in their local area and empower 14-25 year olds to:

- Identify the mental health issues that they see as most important;
- Engage their peers in discussing and exploring these topics;
- Work with key local decision-makers to make recommendations for change.

In Oldham 20 motivated young adults were recruited from diverse backgrounds to become the first MH:2K Citizen Researchers. The Citizen Researchers selected 5 key priorities to address through the pilot: Self-harm; Stigma; Professional Practice; Family and Relationships; The Environment and Culture of Education.

The Board noted the team delivered Roadshow events to schools, colleges and community groups across Oldham and the project exceeded its original target of engaging 500 young people across Oldham. Roadshow events were delivered to a wide range of organisations. The project leads were devising the full project report that would include details of the full recommendations.

The Board were informed that the Youth Council had put forward a motion with regard to mental health, to be considered at the next Council meeting.

RESOLVED that :-

The HWB noted the findings from the MH:2K report and supported the following implementation process:

- The children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health partnership will lead on the implementation of the recommendations of the MH:2K

report. They will form a task and finish group made up of members of the partnership to drive this work forward.

- Undertake comprehensive mapping of what activity is currently in place and the identification of any gaps.
- The Task and Finish group will devise a prioritised action plan
- The action plan will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in Autumn for approval.
- The Children and Young People Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health partnership will drive the action plan and report directly into the HWB.
- Members of the HWB will be asked to become Champions for action plan and associated project work.



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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting would be a Development Session, to be held on 25th July 2017 at 2.00 p.m.

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 4.00 pm

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**GREATER MANCHESTER WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY
AUTHORITY MEETING**
THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2017

Present:	Councillors	Murphy (in the Chair)
		Ali, Brock, Cummings, Driver, Emmott, Fitzpatrick, Hewitt, Holden, Iqbal, Jones, King, Lancaster, Quinn, Piddington, Shilton Godwin, Smart, Young and Zaman.
	Officers	Clerk to the Authority, Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, Solicitor to the Authority, Deputy Treasurer, Head of Corporate Services, Head of Finance, Head of Contract Services, Head of Organisational Development and Administration, Head of Communications and Behaviour Change, Head of Project Management Officer, Re-Procurement Lead, Senior Governance and Scrutiny Officer
	Advisors	Head of Local Government, DWF
Apologies:	Councillors	None
	Officers	Interim Programme Director (Commercial)

28. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence by any Member of the Authority, however apologies was received from the Interim Programme Director (Commercial). The Chair extended a welcome to those present and in particular, Trade Union officials for Viridor who were attending to observe the proceedings in the open part of the agenda.

29. Urgent Business, if any, introduced by the Chair

There were no items of urgent business reported.

30. To receive Declarations of Interest in any contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting

There were no declarations of interest made by any Member, in respect of any contract or agenda item.

31. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 20th July 2017

The minutes of the meeting of the Authority, held on 20 July 2017, were submitted for consideration as a correct record.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Authority, held on 20 July 2017, be approved as a correct record.

32. To note the draft minutes of the Audit & Standards Committee held on the 17th July 2017

The draft minutes of the Audit & Standards Committee, held on 17 July 2017 were submitted for information.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Standards, held on 17 July 2017, be noted.

33. Public & Members' Question Time (limited to 15 minutes)

There were no questions received at the meeting.

34. Authority and Committee Work Programmes for the 2017/18 Municipal Year

Members considered the report of the Head of Corporate Services, which sought their comments in relation to the content of the 2017/18 work programmes for the Authority and its Committees, as set out in the appendix to the report.

Members noted that due to the Policy & Procurement Committee meeting scheduled for 8th September being changed into a Special Authority meeting, a number of reports would need to be moved to the next scheduled Committee meeting.

RESOLVED: That the 2017/18 Work Programme for the Authority, the Audit and Standards Committee and the Policy and Procurement Committee, be agreed, as set out in the appendix to the report; with the exception of the following amendment:

- a) That the Policy and Procurement Committee, dated 8th September be removed from the Programme and that the Procurement Plan and Performance Report, due to be considered at that meeting, be moved to their next meeting.

35. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting at this juncture for the following business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respectively indicated paragraph 3 and that it would not be, on balance, in the public interest to disclose the information to the public because disclosure would be likely to breach the reasonable requirements of companies to commercial confidentiality at this stage of the procurement process.

36. Recycling & Waste Management Contract - Savings Update

Members considered a joint report of the Treasurer and Deputy Clerk, the Director of Contract Services and the Interim Programme Director (Commercial), which provided them with an update on the progress with regard to the Recycling and Waste Management Contract savings programme and the subsequent re-procurement of replacement operating contracts. A presentation was also provided.

Members were also provided with, as an appendix to the report, the full Delegated Decision report of 23rd August 2017 relating to the entering in to legally binding Heads of Terms in respect of the termination.

The Solicitor reiterated the confidential nature of this report and any subsequent discussions on this matter.

In response to a number of questions from Members relating to existing assets and ownership, environment issues, air quality and plastic bottle recycling initiatives, officers noted that such matters would be considered at the upcoming special meeting of the Authority on 8th September.

Resolved: That the Authority:

- a) records its thanks to Officers for their continued hard work in dealing with highly complex contractual negotiations.
- b) notes the completion of the legally binding Heads of Terms (HoT) with Viridor Laing (Greater Manchester) Limited, which will facilitate the termination of the Recycling and Waste Management Contract, as set out in the report.
- c) notes the emerging re-procurement proposals for operational contracts, as set out in section 6 to the report.
- d) agrees that a special meeting of the Authority be convened for Friday 8th September 2017 at 10.30 am, to consider detailed proposals for future contracts.
- e) notes the progress with developing a revised methodology to allocate the Levy to constituent Districts from 2018/19 onwards, as set out in section 8 to the report.
- f) notes the emerging budget implications, and require a full assessment of Budget and Levy requirements to be considered at the meeting of the Authority on 19th October 2017.

The meeting opened at 13:30pm and closed at 14:42pm.

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Present: Councillors Councillor Murphy (in the Chair)

Ali, Bellamy, Brock, Cummings, Driver, Emmott, Fitzpatrick, Hewitt, Holden, Iqbal, Lancaster, Piddington, Shilton Godwin, Smart, Young and Zaman.

Officers Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, Solicitor, Deputy Treasurer, Head of Corporate Services, Head of Finance, Head of Contract Services, Head of Organisational Development and Administration, Head of Communications and Behaviour Change, Re-Procurement Lead, Head of Project Management Office, Senior Governance and Scrutiny Officer.

Apologies: Councillors Jones

Officers Clerk to the Authority
Interim Programme Director (Commercial)

37. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillor Jones and the Clerk to the Authority.

38. Urgent Business, if any, introduced by the Chair

There were no items of urgent business reported.

39. To receive Declarations of Interest in any contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting

There were no declarations of interest made by any Member, in respect of any contract or agenda item.

40. Waste Management Strategy and Policy Update

Consideration was given to a joint report of the Treasurer and Deputy Clerk, the Director of Contract Services and the Head of Corporate Services which provided an update in relation to the on-going review of the Waste Management Strategy in the absence of clear policy from Defra, and sought guidance from Members on the proposed next steps.

Members noted the progress in relation to the revision of the European Communities' Waste Strategies and plans, within the context of their Circular Economy proposals and expected timelines for the final agreement. It was also noted that the draft Circular Economy package now contained an ambitious and challenging 70% recycling target, based on revised, tighter definitions of what counts as recycling. The Treasurer & Deputy Clerk advised Members that, based on the Authority's current waste consumption and collection systems, such a recycling target was likely to be beyond the capabilities of the GMWDA to deliver unless further changes to the methodology of data collection and its definitions were made.

The Treasurer & Deputy Clerk explained that following the reassessment of the Government's workload, it seemed unlikely that the proposals for an English Waste Policy, which the Authority had been pressing for, will be brought forward in the foreseeable future. Members noted that meetings were continuing with representatives of Defra to ensure where possible, the absence of clear government policy does not create insurmountable issues for the re-procurement of Operating Contracts for waste management and disposal.

Members raised the following points:-

- a) The target of 70% recycling suggested by was very challenging and is not something that could be supported. GMWDA should continue to both explore best practice and innovate.
- b) Although still challenging, a recycling target of 60% rising to 65% would be more appropriate. Members noted that in the upcoming years, the number of properties and the population of Greater Manchester will increase significantly which would have an impact on waste disposal services demand.
- c) A Member sought clarification on the potential involvement of the Local Government Association (LGA) in relation to the Circular Economy proposals. In response, the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk noted that although the LGA recognised this as an important issue, it was not currently included within their priority list. It thus seemed likely that the LGA could continue to work with GM on this matter but were unable to lead on it.
- d) With regard to the Waste Strategy Review, it was noted that work was continuing with the Joint Waste Disposal Authorities on this matter.

RESOLVED: The Authority agreed:-

- a) To note the report;
- b) To approve the proposed further lobbying activities as set out in sections 5 and 6 to the report, with the additional inclusion of lobbying by Members into the national political party structures and also requesting Officers to take up again the matter with the Local Government Association; and
- c) To note that the plan to deliver a first draft of the 2018 Waste Management Strategy to the January 2018 meeting remained on track.

41. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting at this juncture for the following business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respectively indicated paragraph 3 and that it would not be, on balance, in the public interest to disclose the information to the public because disclosure would be likely to breach the reasonable requirements of companies to commercial confidentiality at this stage of the procurement process.

42. Re-procurement of Operating Contractors

Members considered a joint report of the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, the Director of Contract Services and the Interim Programme Director (Commercial) which set out the current draft proposals for the re-procurement of operating contractors. In addition, the report sought the input of Members in shaping these proposals and also sought a delegation to officers to be able to place

the necessary contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU), together with finalising initial contract documentation.

The Solicitor reiterated the confidential nature of this report and any subsequent discussions on this matter.

A workshop session was then undertaken to enable Members and Officers to 'deep dive' in some key areas, with the aim of ensuring that the Authority's aspirations would be captured within the suite of procurement documents. It was agreed that feedback from this session would be reported back to the next Authority meeting

RESOLVED: The Authority agreed:-

- a) To record thanks to officers for their continued hard work in dealing with highly complex contractual negotiations;
- b) To note the proposals as set out in the report and to receive and note the interactive presentation made at the meeting;
- c) That feedback from the workshop session be reported back to the next Authority meeting on 21st September, 2017;
- d) To grant delegated authority to the Director of Contract Services and Head of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Authority, to finalise the Strategic Sourcing document and the procurement suite of documents, as set out in section 10 to the report.

The meeting opened at 10.30am and closed at 13:22pm.

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Present: Councillor Murphy (in the Chair)
Councillors: Cummings, Driver, Emmott, Fitzpatrick, Hewitt, Lancaster, Piddington, Quinn, Shilton-Godwin and Young
Officers: Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, Solicitor, Deputy Treasurer, Head of Corporate Services, Senior Governance and Scrutiny Officer
Contract Team: Head of Project Management Office
Advisors: Partner: Head of Local Government, DWF
Procurement Project Lead Transactor, GMCA Waste Infrastructure Development Programme (WIDP)
District Officers: Head of Waste Management, Bolton Council
Assistant Audit and Counter Fraud Manager, Oldham Council
Waste and Recycling Manager, Rochdale Council
Assistant Director, Environment and Community Safety, Salford City Council
Strategic Head of Place Management, Stockport Council
Assistant Executive Director, Environmental Services, Tameside Council

43. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Ali, Bellamy, Brock, Holden, Iqbal, Jones, Smart and Zaman.

The Clerk to the Authority, Director of Contract Services, Head of Finance, and Head of Administration & Organisational Development

44. Urgent Business, if any, introduced by the Chair

a) Contract Update – Item 8

Members noted that the Contract update was circulated as a late item.

45. To receive Declarations of Interest in any contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting

There were no declarations of interest made by any Member, in respect of any contract or agenda item.

46. Public & Member Question Time

There were no questions received at the meeting.

47. To approve the minutes of the Authority meeting held on the 31st August 2017

The Minutes of the meeting of the Authority, held on 31 August 2017 were submitted for consideration as a correct record.

Resolved: That the Authority agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Authority,

held on 31 August 2017, as a correct record.

48. To approve the minutes of the Special Authority Meeting held on the 8th September 2017

The Minutes of the special meeting of the Authority, held on 8 September 2017 were submitted for consideration as a correct record.

Resolved: The Authority agreed to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Authority, held on 8 September 2017, as a correct record.

49. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting at this juncture for the following business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respectively indicated paragraph 3 and that it would not be, on balance, in the public interest to disclose the information to the public because disclosure would be likely to breach the reasonable requirements of companies to commercial confidentiality at this stage of the procurement process.

50. Contract Update

The Solicitor reiterated the confidential nature of this report and any subsequent discussions on this matter.

Members considered a joint report of the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, the Director of Contract Services, and the Interim Programme Director (Commercial) which provided an update on the Recycling and Waste Management Contract termination, set out the proposed arrangements for an 18 month interim contract with the existing operator and revised terms to access the Thermal Power Station at Runcorn. The report also set out detailed feedback, from the Special Meeting of the Authority which took place on 8 September 2017, where options for the reprocurement contract were presented.

A presentation was also made to the meeting that provided additional information on progress in obtaining commercial close, and presented the substantially completed shape of the final transaction. A detailed question and answer session took part as part of the presentation process.

Members noted that on the acquisition of Viridor Laing (Greater Manchester) Limited (VLGM) on 26 September 2017, it will be necessary to rename the company and appoint a new board of directors. Members suggested that Greater Manchester Combined Waste and Recycling as the most appropriate name for the new company name and that the Head of Corporate Services & Deputy Monitoring Officer, Sarah Mellor, and the Deputy Treasurer, Mark Stenson be appointed as initial directors of this company, together with the Solicitor to the Authority, Colin Brittain as Company Secretary.

In response to an enquiry from a Member, officers confirmed that there was no conflict of interest regarding the appointment to these roles.

Resolved: The Authority agreed:

- a) to grant delegated Authority to the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Authority, to assess final affordability and instigate the transactions, as set out in paragraphs 5.3.1 and 5.6.4 to the report;
- b) to grant approval for the temporary partial suspension of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, between the 26 September and 2

October 2017, as set out at paragraph 5.5.2 to the report and to note that a revised Strategy will be considered (after scrutiny by the Audit & Standards Committee on the 1st November 2017) at the next appropriate Authority meeting;

- c) to note the proposed borrowing strategy, as set out in section 5.7 to the report, which will be implemented in accordance with the existing scheme of delegation;
- d) that, as set out in section 5.9 to the report:
 - a. the companies be named Greater Manchester Combined Waste and Recycling (HoldCo) and Greater Manchester Combined Waste and Recycling respectively;
 - b. the Head of Corporate Services & Deputy Monitoring Officer (Sarah Mellor) and Deputy Treasurer (Mark Stenson) be appointed as initial directors, at nil remuneration and that the Solicitor (Colin Brittain) be appointed as Company Secretary;
 - c. Sarah Mellor, Head of Corporate Services & Deputy Monitoring Officer (or nominee), be empowered to act for Greater Manchester Combined Waste and Recycling in accordance with the transaction; and
 - d. that the Directors be provided with independent legal and financial advice, at the companies cost, to be able to discharge their duties;
 - e. that relevant indemnities and warranties, as provided for in The Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) Order 2004, be provided to the individual Directors and Company Secretary of the Company.
- e) to approve the arrangements for the provision of interim services and confirmed the proposed the way forward as set out in Section 6 to the report and expanded by the accompanying presentation;
- f) that having considered the suggestions in Section 10 to the report, and the presentation made at the meeting, the requirements to include in tender documentation for the letting of replacement operating contracts which will be carried out under the existing delegation, as amended, be confirmed;
- g) that the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk undertakes to write to the Chief Fire Officer, on behalf of the Authority, to thank the service for their excellent response to the recent fire at the Bolton Thermal Recovery Facility; and
- h) to be provided with details of the proposed revised Inter Authority Agreements at the Authority meeting on 19 October 2017.

The meeting opened at 1.30pm and closed at 15.47pm.

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**MINUTES OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 5 JUNE, 2017 AT CHURCHGATE HOUSE, MANCHESTER**

Members Present-

<u>BOLTON COUNCIL</u>	Councillor Derek Burrows
<u>BURY COUNCIL</u>	Councillor Tamoor Tariq
<u>OLDHAM COUNCIL</u>	Councillor Barbara Brownridge
<u>ROCHDALE MBC</u>	Councillor Sultan Ali
<u>SALFORD CC</u>	Councillor David Lancaster
<u>STOCKPORT MBC</u>	Councillor Wendy Wild
<u>TRAFFORD COUNCIL</u>	Councillor Laura Evans
<u>WIGAN COUNCIL</u>	Councillor - Nazia Rehman - (Observer)
<u>INDEPENDENT MEMBER</u>	Diane Curry
<u>INDEPENDENT MEMBER</u>	Maqsood Ahmed

Also in attendance-

Andy Burnham	GM Mayor
Baroness Beverley Hughes	Proposed GM Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime
Eamonn Boylan	GMCA
Andrew Lightfoot	GMCA
Liz Treacy	GMCA
Adam Allen	GMCA
Steve Annette	GMCA
Jayne Stephenson	OPCC
Jeanette Staley	Salford City Council & GM Police & Crime
Policy Lead	

PCP/01/17 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive opened the meeting. Nominations having been invited for the Chair of the Police and Crime Panel and Councillor Tariq Tamoor having been proposed and seconded, and there being no further nominations, Councillor Tariq Tamoor was appointed Chair of the Police and Crime Panel for the municipal year 2017/18.

Councillor Tariq immediately referred to the difficult and troubling times being experienced in Manchester and other places, and he invited members and officers present to stand briefly in silence to respect the victims of the recent terrorist attacks in Manchester and London.

The Chair also placed on public record the grateful thanks of the Panel to Tony Lloyd and Jim Battle for their work as Police and Crime Commissioner & Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for their efforts to lever in funding with which to support a number of key community projects which would continue to bring benefits to Greater Manchester for the foreseeable future.

PCP/02/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Nigel Murphy, Councillor Joe Kitchen, Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, Ian Hopkins, Chief Constable, GMP and Julie Connor, GMCA.

PCP/03/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

PCP/04/17 MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

RESOLVED/-

To note the membership of the Police and Crime Panel for 2017/18 as follows:

DISTRICT	MEMBER
Bolton	Councillor Derek Burrows
Bury	Councillor Tamoor Tariq
Manchester	Councillor Nigel Murphy
Oldham	Councillor Barbara Brownridge
Rochdale	Councillor Sultan Ali
Salford	Councillor David Lancaster
Stockport	Councillor Wendy Wild
Tameside	Councillor Joe Kitchen
Trafford	Councillor Laura Evans
Wigan	Councillor Nazia Rehman (To be confirmed)
Independent Co-opted member	Maqsood Ahmed
Independent Co-opted member	Diane Curry

The Chair welcomed Councillor Wendy Wilde (Stockport) Nazia Rehman (Wigan) and Laura Evans (Trafford) to their first meeting and expressed the hope that they enjoyed the contribution that they would make to the work of the Panel.

PCP/05/17 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Panel was informed that the GM Mayor had decided to appoint a Deputy Mayor, Policing and Crime and as such the Panel had to hold this confirmation hearing at

which the Mayor's proposed candidate would appear to answer questions relating to the appointment.

The Mayor echoed the Chair's introductory remarks about the difficult times that we face as a community, and also his praise for the foundation work laid by Tony Lloyd and Jim Battle. He also paid tribute to the Chief Constable and his senior staff in relation to their response to the terrorist attack at the Manchester Arena, and to the work of all police officers in response to the enquiries following that event and the successful policing of key public events in the city in the days following that incident that had done so much to give reassurance to the public and to demonstrate that Manchester was 'open for business'.

The Mayor outlined the challenges that now reinforced the need for a national debate in relation to police funding and police numbers, which the Chief Constable was already on record as saying were "at the bottom end of reasonable" and he stressed the importance of Greater Manchester continuing to have a strong voice in that debate, and also to address the challenge ahead in terms of an inclusive approach to tackling extremism and fostering social inclusion in our society. It was in relation to these very challenges that he believed his nomination for Deputy Mayor was critical for Greater Manchester, and he felt that there were very few people who could meet the criteria that he had set to take that work forward and to continue the hard won reputation that Greater Manchester had for credibility and seriousness in the way that we go about our work. Baroness Beverley Hughes brought huge experience as a former Member of Parliament, Minister-of-State for counter- terrorism and community cohesion in the Home Office and former Leader of Trafford MBC, and he had great pleasure in proposing her appointment.

Baroness Hughes then answered questions from Panel members to comply with due process.

Baroness Hughes indicated that she felt honored to have been asked to take on this role and the opportunity to serve Greater Manchester again in a way that she had not expected. She echoed the comments made by others in terms of the work previously done by Tony Lloyd and Jim Battle, a rich heritage to be built on going forward to which she brought 25 years of experience in public life both as an MP and as a local councilor, and a deep knowledge of dealing with the diverse problems coming up from local communities.

Baroness Hughes was asked for her views on bringing together diverse views from the 10 districts, and especially how the issues of hate crime and abuse affecting an area like Rochdale would receive the attention they merited. In response she indicated that in her view whilst the devolution architecture was now in place there remained a job of work to be done in terms of making that work for everyone in Greater Manchester as effectively as possible. It was important that local people felt that their leaders were listening to what they say and that what was being heard was being acted upon, and she believed that the devolution model was likely to enable this to happen than any Government led strategy could. Those discussion needed to be open and clear; to promote inclusion but also remove any perception that there can be any level of tolerance of extreme behavior in any form as we develop a GM approach to the problems we undoubtedly face that everyone can have confidence in. There were problems in relation to anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, problems that admittedly involved special challenges, problems that were talked about a great deal immediately

following a terrorist incident, problems that needed prevention rather than reaction and which were a fundamental part of the way that we relate to our community, and how we get them to relate to us.

The terrorist incident at Manchester arena had identified the benefits of closer coordination of 'blue light' services across Greater Manchester, and Baroness Hughes was invited to outline how she saw those improvements being achieved. She indicated that the changes necessary was clearly on the agenda and that the review of responses to that incident by all services would provide the springboard to examine options for greater integrated working perhaps on a place-based model of working. Further pressed on the importance of those service properly reflecting the communities that they serve in employment strategies, not just in bold numerical terms but in terms of hierarchical progression, she indicated that she understood the challenges involved, especially for young people in terms of transport being a barrier to employment, an issue that the Mayor's pledge to extend concessionary travel to young people as a means of breaking down segregation was meant to address.

Reference was made to the work commenced by the previous Police and Crime Commissioner on justice reform through the Justice Board, and Baroness Hughes was asked if it was her intention to continue that work. In response she indicated that the importance of reducing re-offending was key to the successful working of every aspect of the criminal justice system, but it was also important to formulate a holistic picture that also embraced those who experience or are affected by crime, so she would wholeheartedly continue to take that work forward.

A discussion took place about the responsibility that local businesses had to play in terms of ensuring that they did not add to local behavior problems, licensed premises and off-licences being cited as specific examples. Baroness Hughes indicated that this was an issue where all partners, police, local councils, businesses, needed to work together, she cited the 'purple flag' approach in Bury, as an example of practice that others might replicate, and she suggested that a future meeting of the Panel might usefully discuss in depth how we achieve the necessary multi-layered approach to dealing with alcohol related behavior in its many forms.

Questions were also posed about cyber-crime and Baroness Hughes indicated that this was a crime of our era, a new crime for which new responses were needed, and she was pleased to report that development had already commenced at a forensic level to first of all gauge the scale of the problem and to begin to formulate a more robust response, and she would be happy to report to a future meeting when that work had progressed sufficiently.

Invited to give her vision over the three years of her appointment she hoped that in that time there would be a marked difference in the way in which all our services would be working within local communities and that those communities would see and appreciate those changes. A question was posed to her about the use of anti-social behaviour powers, and she indicated that those powers had initially been a response to people who had felt beleaguered in the face of anti-social or criminal behavior in their communities, but she also believed that it was necessary for a discussion to take place with this panel and others to get a feel about how the powers were being used and whether they were still meeting local needs. This was part of a wider discussion about young people and citizenship and the important role of the PCSOs as first point of community contact, and she hoped that the next three years would see their role in

community policing continued, and, if possible, increased. She recognised a morale issue for the Police, staff were under a lot of pressure and there were community concerns about visibility and responsiveness, and it was important that they know that we know that, and that it will be part of our campaign for funding and our commitment to strong neighbourhood policing and a strong presence in every community

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the process outlined for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor, Policing and Crime.
2. In the light of the Panel's scrutiny of the Mayor's proposed appointee, and the opportunity afforded to the Panel to engage with her on wide ranging issues, this Panel recommends that Baroness Beverley Hughes should be appointed to the post of the Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor, Policing and Crime.

PCP/06/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair reported to the group that as the membership of the GM Police and Crime Panel has changed substantially, it is now prudent to review the GM Police and Crime Panel Structures and to that end the Chair invited all panel members to present to him any comment and ideas they may have on the future structure. Following this engagement with Members the Chair will meet with relevant officers to develop a new GM Police and Crime Panel structure that will come back to the Panel for approval in due course

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT
TRAFFORD TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham
Deputy Mayor (Police and Crime)	Baroness Beverley Hughes
Bolton Council	Councillor Linda Thomas
Bury Council	Councillor Rishi Shori
Manchester CC	Councillor Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor
Oldham Council	Councillor Jean Stretton
Rochdale MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
Salford CC	City Mayor, Paul Dennett
Stockport MBC	Councillor Alex Ganotis
Tameside MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
Trafford Council	Councillor Sean Anstee
Wigan Council	Councillor Peter Smith

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Fire Committee Chair	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGM	Councillor Andrew Fender

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA – Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA – Treasurer	Richard Paver
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
Bolton Council	Margaret Asquith
Manchester CC	Joanne Roney
Oldham Council	Helen Lockwood
Rochdale MBC	Steve Rumbelow
Salford CC	Jim Taylor
Stockport MBC	Pam Smith
Tameside MBC	Steven Pleasant
Trafford Council	Joanne Hyde
Wigan Council	Donna Hall
TfGM	Steve Warrener
GM H&SCP Chief Executive	Jon Rouse
Manchester Growth Co	Mark Hughes

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Sylvia Welsh
Nicola Ward

148/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Chief Executives – Peter O’Reilly (GMFRS – Tony Hunter attending), Pat Jones-Greenhalgh (Bury Council) Carolyn Wilkins (Oldham Council – Helen Lockwood attending), Theresa Grant (Trafford Council – Joanne Hyde attending), Simon Nokes (GMCA), Julie Connor (GMCA), Ian Hopkins (GMP) and Jon Lamonte (TfGM – Steve Warrener attending).

149/17 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

a) Passing of Councillor Paul Longshaw

The Greater Manchester Mayor expressed his condolences regarding the passing of Councillor Paul Longshaw who had served for many years as a housing officer, and then as a local councillor in Salford, making a strong and positive contribution to housing issues for Greater Manchester.

b) Conservative Party Conference

The Greater Manchester Mayor reported that there were a number of demonstrations planned in Manchester during the Conservative Party Conference, and in anticipation himself, the Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime and Councillor Sean Anstee had met with Greater Manchester Police to develop a response plan in place to prevent any intimidation, violence or abuse to people in Manchester during this event. He expressed thanks to colleagues for all their work on this plan.

150/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Richard Leese declared a prejudicial interest in Items 20, and 23, as Leader of Manchester City Council, who are a development partner of Allied London of the St Johns scheme, and in Items 21 and 24 as a Director of the Manchester Life Board.

151/17 GMCA APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

The Greater Manchester Mayor shared a report which detailed those elected members nominated as Assistant Portfolio Holders in working towards a more gender balanced GMCA, advising that nominations from Trafford will be confirmed after the meeting.

RESOLVED /-

That those members nominated as Assistant Portfolio Holders be appointed and that authority be delegated to the Mayor, in consultation with Portfolio Leaders, to agree the allocation of portfolio responsibilities.

152/17 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 28 JULY 2017

The minutes of GMCA meeting held on 28 July 2017 were submitted for consideration.

Councillor Richard Leese updated members on activity undertaken in relation to minute 136/17 Transport for the North (TfN) and Rail North. He reported that there had been new Regulations from the Secretary of State which included revised guidelines for the appointment of representation of Combined Authorities to Transport for the North, which brought the process in line with the appointment processes for other constituent authorities. He also reported that TfN was to be given some concurrent local transport functions consistent with the original proposal.

The Greater Manchester Mayor welcomed these changes and asked the GMCA to support the amendments to the Regulations being made.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 28 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.
2. That the GMCA support the Sub-national Transport Bodies (Transport for the North) Regulations following amendments to the appointment process.

153/17 MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 15 SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on the 15 September 2017 be noted.

154/17 MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP HELD ON THE 18 SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership held on the 18 September 2017 be noted.

155/17 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the Housing, Planning and Environment Scrutiny Committee held 7 September 2017 be noted.
2. That the minutes of the Economy, Business Growth and Skills Scrutiny Committee held 8 September 2017 be noted.

156/17 GMCA SCRUTINY NOMINATIONS, PROPOSED CALL-IN OF DECISIONS, PROCEDURE RULES AND KEY DECISION FINANCIAL THRESHOLDS.

Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer presented a report which set out the GMCA's proposed arrangements for a scrutiny call-in procedure, and specified key decision thresholds which have both been reviewed and agreed by the Economy, Business Growth & Skills and Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committees, with the Corporate Issues & reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the issues at their forthcoming meeting.

The report further detailed the remaining four members to be appointed to each committee, and the names of 14 other members from across Greater Manchester to be appointed as a pool substitute members.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the following additional members be appointed to the three Scrutiny Committees:

Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview & Scrutiny

Cllr Roy Walker	Bury
Cllr Cecile Biant	Rochdale
Cllr Grace Fletcher-Hackwood	Manchester
Cllr Barry Brotherton	Trafford

Housing, Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny

Cllr Andrew Morgan	Bolton
Cllr Anne Stott	Rochdale
Cllr Michele Barnes	Salford
Cllr Frederick Bown Walker	Wigan

Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny

Cllr John McGahan	Stockport
Cllr Luke Raikes	Manchester

Cllr Leanne Feeley
Cllr Colin McLaren

Tameside
Oldham

2. That the following members are appointed as substitutes to each of the three Scrutiny Committees:

Bolton	Cllr Debbie Newall	Cllr David Greenhalgh
Bury	Cllr Jamie Walker	-
Manchester	Cllr Rebecca Moore	-
Oldham	Cllr John Mccann	-
Rochdale	Cllr Peter Malcolm	-
Salford	Cllr Christopher Clarkson	Cllr Karen Garrido
Tameside	Cllr Adrian Pearce	Cllr Ruth Welsh
Trafford	Cllr James Wright	Cllr Bernard Sharp
Wigan	Cllr James Grundy	Cllr Michael Winstanley

3. That the call-in process agreed by the Economy, Business Growth & Skills and Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committees set out in section 3 be approved.
4. That the key decision financial threshold of £500,000 agreed by the Economy, Business Growth & Skills and Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committees be noted.
5. That the proposed amendment of the GMCA Constitution to make provision for substitute members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees be approved.

157/17 SCHOOL READINESS

The Greater Manchester Mayor informed the meeting of the work being undertaken across Greater Manchester to raise the rates of school readiness, as latest reports had indicated that there were 12,000 reception age children this September who were not school-ready. The Reform Board have set a new ambition for Greater Manchester to increase 'good level of development' levels to above national average over the next five years. To support this shared ambition, a Greater Manchester School Readiness Summit has been scheduled on the 20 October 2017, which will bring together schools and other partner organisations to address early year's issues and health inequalities. School-readiness will remain a key priority for Greater Manchester going forward.

158/17 UPDATE ON HIGH RISE TOWERS

Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Planning and Homelessness, introduced a report updating members on the issues arising from the fire at Grenfell Tower in London, the impact of this in Greater Manchester and the

work which is being undertaken to provide reassurance to residents and others.

Paul Dennett expressed thanks to Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service for all their support in the joint inspection of over 508 properties over the past three months, ensuring that all residential properties in Greater Manchester had been inspected. Current Safety regulations do not go far enough and it was recognised that there are changes that need to be implemented ahead of the outcomes of the Grenfell Public Inquiry. The GMCA is committed to participating fully in the Reviews, however, the implementation of measures do need to be progressed at the earliest opportunity and in advance of the conclusion of the Inquiry. It was important that the role of the Fire and Rescue Service was embedded in all stages of the lifecycle of developments.

Councillor David Acton further added that Greater Manchester does need to develop a 'gold standard' of fire safety for its residents and other vulnerable buildings, and eventually the introduction of a system whereby all new housing developments will be fitted with sprinklers, in line with regulations in place Wales.

The GM Mayor thanked Councillors and Officers for all their work following the Grenfell Towers incident and welcomed any reassurance, information sharing and standards raising activity to support the residents of Greater Manchester. He requested that the GMCA be updated on a regular basis.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the work of the Greater Manchester High Rise Task Force be recognised and supported.
2. That the need to develop and introduce new approaches ahead of the outcomes of the Public Inquiry and Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety be agreed.
3. That the development of a new and consistent approach across all Greater Manchester boroughs as outlined in the report be supported.
4. That the GMCA be kept regularly updated on progress.

159/17 METROLINK FARES

The GM Mayor introduced a report seeking approval for the proposed changes to the Metrolink fares structure. He reminded the meeting that in January 2014 a decision was taken to freeze fares for a short period, however to ensure the sustainability of the system the fare prices now need to be brought into line.

TfGM have undertaken a survey on two options; a one-off fare increase in January 2018 and then reverting to RPI +1% from January 2019; and

spreading the fare increase over three years from January 2018 through to January 2020 and then reverting back to RPI+1% in January 2021.

The survey ran from 26 June to 18 August, with over 5000 responses received, with the majority voting in favour of the option to spread the cost of the increase over three years.

The report also proposed a 50% rate fare for under 18s and a 50% fare for 16-18 year olds travelling off peak.

Councillor Sean Anstee broadly supported the proposals, but suggested they should be benchmarked to provide an evidence base to ensure that the fare prices remain competitive and future proofing the system going forward.

Councillor Kieran Quinn concurred with the proposals and urged that the fares structure be reviewed across Greater Manchester from a whole system approach and reviewed as part of the budget scrutiny process.

The GM Mayor confirmed the requirement for greater transparency regarding funding decisions and welcomed the standardisation of under 16's fares. Further reports would come to the GMCA as we move towards an integrated ticketing approach.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the results of the recent Metrolink fares survey be noted.
2. That it be noted that the proposals in the report have been shared with TfGMC Members.
3. That the following changes to the Metrolink fares structure be agreed:
 - to implement a phased, three year, fare increase, commencing in January 2018, in line with the results of the fare survey
 - to revert to annual fare changes of RPI+1% from January 2021
 - to harmonise all child fares at 50% of the adult fare
 - to extend the child fare for off-peak day and weekend travelcards to 16-18 year olds
 - to increase the price of 'quick issue' special event tickets
 - to approve in principle the introduction of a 5-18 year old special event ticket priced at 50% of the revised adult price, subject to further work on the operational implications of such a ticket

160/17 GMCA LOCAL GROWTH DEAL (1, 2 & 3) 6 MONTHLY TRANSPORT UPDATE

The Mayor of Greater Manchester introduced a report which updated members an update on the latest position in relation to the Local Growth Deal Transport Programme (Tranches 1, 2 and 3) following on from the last update in March 2017.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the current position in relation to the current Growth Deal Major Schemes programme be noted.
2. That the current position in relation to the current Growth Deal Minor works and Additional Priorities programmes be noted.
3. That the current position in relation to the third round of Local Growth Deal funding and the proposed associated governance arrangements in relation to these schemes following acceptance into the Programme in March 2017 be noted.
4. That the addition of the Growth Deal 3 (GD3) transport schemes into the capital programme, noting that the GD3 programme was previously approved at the GMCA meeting in March 2017 be approved.
5. That the forecast expenditure for 2017/18 in relation to the Growth Deal 3 schemes was £1.3 million be noted.

161/17 GMCA CULTURAL PROGRAMME CONSULTATION

Councillor Cliff Morris, Portfolio Lead for Culture, Arts & Leisure, introduced a report informing members of progress to date on the consultation exercise into the proposed closure of the AGMA Section 48 grants fund, and the completion of the consultation on the introduction of a new GMCA Culture and Social Impact Programme. He reported that some of the grant applicants had requested the ability to extend their grant further than two years and that this would be one of the issues for further consideration.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the outcome and mitigating actions of the completed consultation on a new GMCA Culture and Social Impact Programme be noted.
2. That progress on the consultation regarding potential closure of the AGMA Section 48 grants programme be noted.
3. That the revised criteria for a GMCA Cultural and Social Impact programme be agreed.

4. That agreement is given to proceed with a new GMCA Cultural and Social Impact programme, with calls for projects beginning in October 2017 and the new programme going live from April 2018.

162/17 GMCA CULTURAL PORTFOLIO GOVERNANCE

Councillor Cliff Morris, Portfolio Lead for Culture, Arts & Leisure, introduced a report which proposed an outline governance structure for the GMCA Culture, Arts and Leisure portfolio in order to ensure delivery of portfolio responsibilities.

It was suggested and agreed that the Statutory Functions Committee is asked to regularly review the allocations made through the proposed new GMCA Programme to ensure that decision making was strongly supported by clear performance monitoring. The need to ensure that various sized organisations were considered to ensure a range of programmes across the whole of Greater Manchester can be delivered.

The GM Mayor acknowledged that longer term funding would also be considered in future, adding that it was intended to further strengthen GM's cultural offer, with potential to use the 'Town of Culture' Initiative to drive Town Centre Regeneration.

The GM Mayor thanked Councillor Cliff Morris and Donna Hall in progressing the cultural programme of work.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the outline proposal be approved with authority delegated to the Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Culture, Arts and Leisure, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Culture, Arts & Leisure to set up the governance structure, with a further report to be submitted to the GMCA once the governance structures have been established.
2. That Councillor Sean Anstee and a nomination from Rochdale Council (name to be confirmed) be appointed to sit on a joint GMCA/LEP Panel chaired by the Portfolio Lead for Culture, Arts and Leisure to select the Greater Manchester bid for this Fund.
3. That as part of the governance arrangements for the administration of the new GMCA Culture Programme, the Statutory Functions Committee is asked to monitor performance of organisations in receipt of grants from the new programme.

163/17 GREATER MANCHESTER TACKLING VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND PROMOTING SOCIAL COHESION COMMISSION

The Greater Manchester Mayor prefaced consideration of the report by acknowledging that Greater Manchester remains in recovery following the attack on the Manchester Arena. In response to the attack an Independent review of the events and aftermath of the Manchester Arena Attack had been commissioned and was now underway. The review will look responses from across at a range of agencies to better understand lessons learnt.

Councillor Rishi Shori took members through the report which provided an update on the progress made that has been to establish the Commission to tackle violent extremism and promote social cohesion.

He added that the Commission is a vital piece of work for Greater Manchester and was key to promoting social cohesion across communities, with initial ambitions to develop a Greater Manchester Charter of values for communities, create a programme that supports inclusion irrespective of social determinants, identify opportunities for implementing the 'prevent' agenda and highlight other ways to bring Greater Manchester together. A further report on progress will be submitted to the GMCA in Spring 2018.

The meeting was advised that a number of Channel and Peer Reviews were underway, which should feed into the work of the Commission. He also advised that going forward local authorities would be responsible for 'prevent' with a request that a Greater Manchester approach be developed feeding into the work of the Commission. Councillor Rishi Shori assured members that this work was already in train and would be addressed by the Commission.

In conclusion the GM Mayor suggested that the quality of the Commission membership was a clear indication of how serious Greater Manchester was in tackling these issues. Developing the trust of communities will ensure that the 'prevent' agenda can be progressed. He also commended the Manchester Evening News for the 'We Stand Together' campaign, which has helped capture the spirit of the city in the aftermath of the event. The Arena had now reopened and families continue to be supported.

He thanked Councillor Rishi Shori and Councillor Jean Stretton for progressing the establishment of the Commission.

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted and an update upon completion of the work be brought to a future meeting of the GMCA.

164/17 GREATER MANCHESTER YOUTH COMBINED AUTHORITY

Councillor Rishi Shori, Portfolio Lead for Young People and Social Cohesion, introduced a report detailing the recommended membership and remit of the Youth Combined Authority, and seeking support for a budget allocation in order to establish and support the Youth Combined Authority.

The development of a Youth Combined Authority was welcomed, acknowledging that they were likely to identify different priorities and issues from the GMCA, with a commitment that the GMCA will listen, together with support and assistance available to ensure they feel part of the wider GMCA.

Members were made aware of the various initiatives currently underway by the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service to positively engage young people with an offer to extend the support where required.

Jon Rouse, GM Health and Social Care Partnership advised that he would refer the report to the Children's Health and Well Being Board.

The GM Mayor reminded the meeting that the GM Strategy includes an objective to make GM the best place to grow up and to make children 'life ready', he acknowledged the role of schools has changed, with new ways to be identified to provide support. He encouraged portfolio holders to be prepared to meet with the Youth GMCA to discuss particular areas of interest, with a view to inputting into the development of a number of key policy areas.

He also advised that work was underway regarding the introduction of travel concessions to assist with removing barriers to address the skills deficit.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the membership and remit of the Youth Combined Authority be approved.
2. That the first year funding for the Youth Combined Authority of £50,000, to be sourced from Greater Manchester collective budgets be approved.
3. That it be agreed that a review of the Youth Combined Authority deliverables and budget be carried out in September 2018.

165/17 BREXIT MONITOR – MONTHLY REPORT

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Business & Economy, introduced report updating members on the key economic and policy developments in relation to the UK's decision to leave the European Union (EU). The latest edition of the monthly Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor was shared to provide a real-time view of the economic and policy impact of Brexit, it showed a worsening of economic performance that was impacting employment levels and prosperity for residents of Greater Manchester.

Representations continue to be made to Government to ensure Greater Manchester and other northern Combined Authorities are closely involved in the Brexit negotiation.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the contents of the September Brexit Monitor be noted.
2. That the GMCA make representation to Government to ensure that Greater Manchester are represented by the Greater Manchester Mayor at discussions regarding the outcomes of Brexit negotiations.

166/17 GREATER MANCHESTER DRAFT DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio Lead for Digital City-Region, introduced a report seeking the views of the GMCA on the Draft Plan which was designed to prepare Greater Manchester for the growth of the digital economy including the investment of broadband across all town and city centres and the platforms for supporting 5G mobile technology.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the priorities set out in the Draft Digital Infrastructure Implementation Plan, subject to further input from the Greater Manchester Digital Infrastructure Group formed following feedback from the Mayors Digital & Tech Summit on 7th July 2017 be agreed, in principle.
2. That it be noted that the Expression of Interest submitted to Government for its Full Fibre Networks Challenge Fund was in line with priority to accelerate full fibre investment as set out in the draft implementation Plan.
3. That the ambitions and actions set out in this Plan will be finalised for GMCA consideration in December 2017 be noted.

167/17 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK UPDATE

Councillor Richard Leese declared a prejudicial interest in this report, as Leader of Manchester City Council, who are a development partner of Allied London of the St Johns scheme and left the room during the discussion of the report.

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment Strategy and Finance presented a report seeking GMCA approval for loans to St Johns and

littleblackdress. The loans will be made from recycled funds from the Regional Growth Fund Programme.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the funding applications by St Johns (loan of £3,000k) and littleblackdress (loan of £250k) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence be agreed.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans at a) above be approved.

168/17 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION

Councillor Richard Leese declared a prejudicial interest in this report, as a Director of the Manchester Life Board and left the room during the discussion of the report.

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Planning & Homelessness introduced a report which sought approval from the GMCA in respect of loans applied to and from the Greater Manchester Housing Investment Fund. He reported that the Housing Investment Fund had made loans totalling £360m since its establishment, creating the development of 285 affordable units and 32 social units and that these schemes to be approved will bring a further additional 86 affordable units.

The GM Mayor advised that a review of the criteria would be undertaken and submitted to the GMCA in November 2017.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loans Fund loans in the table below, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report be approved:

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
New Little Mill Developments Ltd.	New Little Mill, Ancoats	Manchester	£10,517,000
Vesta Street Developments Ltd.	Vesta Street, New Islington	Manchester	£20,694,000
Belgravia Living	Tariff Street,	Manchester	£3,459,000

(Burlington House) Ltd.	Piccadilly Basin		(in addition to £9.741m approved in August 2015)
Princess Street Limited Partnership	Princess Street	Manchester	£7,690,000 (in addition to £43.310m approved in March 2017)
Keepmoat Homes Ltd.	Charlestown Riverside	Salford	£3,320,000
The Oaks Gatley Ltd.	Stonepail Close, Gatley	Stockport	£4,220,000

2. That the GMCA recommends to Manchester City Council that it approves the above and prepares and effects the necessary legal agreements in accordance with its approved internal processes.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive of the Combined Authority / Lead Chief Executive, Housing and Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing & Homelessness, to vary loans approved by the GMCA in line with recommendations from the Credit Committee.

169/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members noted that the commercially sensitive information contained in Items 23 and 2 Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update and Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loans Fund – Investment Approval Recommendation was taken as read during consideration of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update (minute ref 167/17 & 168/17 refers) and for this reason the exclusion resolution was not moved.

170/17 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK UPDATE

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update at minute 167/17 above.

171/17 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update at minute 168/17 above.

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT FOR
GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE (TfGMC), HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

PRESENT

Councillor David Chadwick	Bolton
Councillor Guy Harkin	Bolton
Councillor Noel Bayley	Bury
Councillor Rhyse Cathcart	Bury
Councillor Andrew Fender (Chair)	Manchester
Councillor Naeem Hassan	Manchester
Councillor Dzidra Noor	Manchester
Councillor Chris Paul	Manchester
Councillor Mohon Ali	Oldham
Councillor Chris Goodwin	Oldham
Councillor Phil Burke	Rochdale
Councillor Patricia Sullivan	Rochdale
Councillor Shah Wazir	Rochdale
Councillor Robin Garrido	Salford
Councillor Roger Jones	Salford
Councillor Barry Warner	Salford
Councillor Christine Corris	Stockport
Councillor Annette Finnie	Stockport
Councillor Tom Grundy	Stockport
Councillor John Taylor	Stockport
Councillor Warren Bray	Tameside
Councillor Doreen Dickinson	Tameside
Councillor Rob Chilton	Trafford
Councillor Michael Cordingley	Trafford
Councillor June Reilly	Trafford
Councillor Mark Aldred	Wigan
Councillor James Grundy	Wigan
Councillor Lynne Holland	Wigan
Councillor Eunice Smethurst	Wigan

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jon Lamonte	Chief Executive, TfGM
Bob Morris	Operations Director, TfGM
Alison Chew	Interim Head of Bus Services, TfGM
Amanda White	Head of Rail, TfGM
Cat Dowell	Rail Team, TfGM
Jenny Hollamby	Governance & Scrutiny, GMCA

SECTION 1 STANDING ITEMS

TfGMC17/33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Azra Ali (Manchester), Councillor Stuart Haslam (Bolton), Councillor Peter Robinson (Tameside) and Councillor Howard Sykes (Oldham).

TfGMC17/34 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business introduced by the Chair.

The Chair advised Members that from October 2017, a move would be made towards paperless, and livestreamed meetings. In light of refurbishments at Manchester town hall, meetings would be moved to alternative venues in central Manchester.

It was noted that a Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Ltd (GMATL) board meeting would take place at the rise of the TfGM Committee in the council chamber.

TfGMC17/35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Phil Burke declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 5c) Metrolink and Rail Networks sub Committee minutes dated 8 September 2017 by virtue of his employment with Metrolink. Councillor Burke would withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate juncture.

Councillor James Grundy, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 8 Strategic Rail Briefing by virtue of HS2 running through his family farm. Councillor Grundy would remain in the meeting as the HS2 update had no relation to his interest.

TfGMC17/36 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 14 JULY 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 14 July 2017, were submitted for consideration.

A Member advised the Committee that in terms of the May 2018 timetable, Northern Rail had shared information with user groups, which was embargoed until November 2017. The Committee was dissatisfied that it was not party to the information. The Head of Rail agreed to investigate the matter and report back to Members.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 14 July 2017, be approved as a correct record.

TfGMC17/37 MINUTES FROM SUB COMMITTEES

a. Bus Network and TfGMC Services Sub Committee

The Interim Head of Bus Services was welcomed to the meeting and Members congratulated her on her appointment.

The minutes of the Bus Network and TfGMC Services sub Committee meeting which took place on 25 August 2017 were submitted.

Arising from minute BN/18/21 Forthcoming Changes to the Bus Network, the Chair requested an urgent meeting, to address the performance issues raised at the meeting with First Greater Manchester, the Chair of the Bus Network and TfGMC Services Sub Committee and TfGM Officers.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Bus Network and TfGMC Services Sub Committee meeting, held on 23 June 2017, be noted.

b. Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee

The minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting, which took place on 1 September 2017 were submitted.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting, held on 1 September 2017, be noted.

c. Metrolink and Rail Sub Committee

The minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Sub Committee meeting which took place on 8 September 2017 were tabled at the meeting. The Chair proposed and Members agreed, that this item would be considered prior to the item 9, exclusion of the press and public, to allow Members time to consider the minutes.

TfGMC17/38 REGISTER OF KEY DECISIONS – AUGUST 2017

Members considered the register of key decisions, which set out details of key transport decisions that the Committee and its sub Committees would make over the upcoming month. Those key transport decisions that would be considered by GMCA were also included for information.

RESOLVED/-

That the Register of Key Decisions for August 2017 be noted.

SECTION 2 ITEMS FOR FURTHER APPROVAL BY GMCA

There were no items for further approval by GMCA reported.

SECTION 3 ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION BY TFGMC

There were no items for resolution by TfGMC.

SECTION 4 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

TfGMC17/39 CHESHIRE LINES GREENWAY POLICY

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Rail that informed Members of the proposed scheme to bring the Cadishead/Partington viaduct and disused track bed into use for transport.

It was explained that TfGM officers had been supporting a Trustee of the Hamilton Davies Trust in his bid to bring regeneration back to the local community. The Trustee was responsible for the renovation of Irlam station, and now alongside Network Rail project and property teams, was exploring the possibility of bringing the Cheshire Lines Railway back into use between Glazebrook East and Skelton junction. Appendix A of the report showed details of the geographical area, including residential areas, potential Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) development areas, and existing transport lines, stations etc.

The proposal set out a short term aspiration to introduce a cycleway and footway, reconnecting the communities of Partington and Carrington with Irlam and Cadishead. The longer term aspiration was to introduce a heritage railway along the full length of the corridor running adjacent to the cycleway and footway. The longer term element did not form part of TfGM's proposed position at this time. The proposal involved acquiring the lease for the track bed and viaduct which would enable the necessary medial works to be carried out.

Members welcomed the proposal and recognised its potential to link communities by providing a cycle and footway. It was suggested that neighbouring land holders and housing developers be contacted as it would be in their interest to support the proposal.

The Mayor of GM had appointed Chris Boardman as GM's new cycling and walking commissioner and a Member recommended that he be involved.

RESOLVED/-

That the proposal to establish a Trust with partners including, but not limited to; the Trustee, Salford, Trafford and Wigan Councils be noted.

TfGMC17/40 STRATEGIC RAIL BRIEFING

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, Councillor Grundy remained in the meeting as the HS2 update had no direct relation to his interest.

Members considered the report of the Head of Rail that provided an overview of recent developments in rail, which covered:

- Network Rail electrification programme.
- Trans Pennine route upgrade.
- Piccadilly station platforms 15 and 16.
- Northern powerhouse rail.
- HS2.

It was reported that the Department for Trade (DfT) and the Secretary of State for Transport had made a series of announcements recently regarding the future of rail services in the region. The report summarised the announcements and set out TfGM's position, which was to continue to stand by the original investment plan and a preference for full Trans Pennine electrification.

The Head of Rail provided a verbal summary to accompany the report, discussions were noted as follows:

Electrification and Trans Pennine Route Upgrade

- A Member expressed that the Conservative group and Conservative group leaders of authorities were lobbying hard for full electrification.
- A Member queried the use of bi-mode trains. The example of Heaton Chapel was used where overhead wire had been installed for 50 years. Trains travelling by

diesel propulsion under overhead wires was questioned. The Member expressed that the most sensible option would be to extend the overhead wires.

- A Member thanked Network Rail for their work dealing with the landside to get the station up and running when the Moses Gate railway bridge, was badly damaged and collapsed on the railway. Luckily, the area was already closed because of upgrade work at Bolton station.
- A Member asked for reassurance about the Manchester/Bolton electrification upgrade work would be completed this year. The Head of Rail advised that it would be up and running in December 2017.

Piccadilly Station Platforms 15 and 16

- Concerns were raised about having the right capacity for rail services and longer trains. Members were concerned about overcrowding and that increased train capacity did not provide adequate physical capacity. The Head of Rail agreed and advised that this key message was being relayed back to Government.
- A Member enquired about bi-mode trains pulling diesel engines, the costs and impacts. The Member asked what the cost per mile was versus an electric train. The Head of Rail advised that robust answers from Government were required, analysis had to be undertaken and seriously considered. Members would be kept informed moving forward.

Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR)

- The Chair asked about the timescales involved. It was explained that a response to the commission would be provided in the next few months and a full response by the end of the year. Discussions would take place over the next month. The Chair commended officers for their efforts in this area.
- A Member asked about the building of HS2 and its impacts. It was reported that an integrated, underground HS2/NPR/classic railway station at Piccadilly was the right solution for both Network Rail and the GMCA. It was reported that it would be a three tiered station and would be at the opposite side of the station to platforms 15 and 16.

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

TfGMC17/41 Metrolink and Rail Sub Committee

Councillor Burke withdrew from the meeting at this juncture.

The minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Sub Committee meeting which took place on 8 September 2017 were submitted at the meeting.

It was reported that Councillor Christine Corris had submitted her apologies for the meeting and requested the minutes be amended.

A real area of concern raised at the meeting was antisocial behaviour. It was agreed that an urgent meeting be convened with all parties, including the operator to consider a solution in readiness for the next meeting on 6 October 2017.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Metrolink and Rail sub Committee meeting, held on 8 September 2017, be noted.

TfGMC17/42 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Councillor Burke rejoined the meeting.

RESOLVED/-

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that this involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 1, 2 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

TfGMC17/43 PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services that sought the approval of the proposed property transactions detailed in the report.

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

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MINUTES

Meeting: **National Park Authority**

Date: Friday 7 July 2017 at 10.00 am

Venue: The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell

Chair: Cllr Mrs L C Roberts

Present: Mr P Ancell, Mrs P Anderson, Cllr D Chapman, Cllr J Atkin, Cllr D Birkinshaw, Cllr P Brady, Cllr C Carr, Cllr A R Favell, Cllr C Furness, Mr Z Hamid, Cllr A Hart, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr A Law, Cllr H Laws, Cllr Mrs C Howe, Cllr J Macrae, Cllr A McCloy, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr J Perkins, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr Mrs N Turner, Cllr Mrs J A Twigg, Cllr F J Walton and Cllr B Woods

Apologies for absence: Mrs F Beatty.

30/17 ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the invitation of the Deputy Chair in the Chair, Cllr Mrs L Roberts paid tribute to Ms Stella McGuire a former Authority Member who had recently passed away. She also reported on the death of Mrs Tracey Dixon, the wife of the Authority's former Chief Executive Jim Dixon, who had been well known to a number of Members. Cllr Mrs Roberts confirmed that a card of condolence would be sent to both families and led a minute's silence in remembrance of Stella and Tracey.

31/17 ELECTION OF AUTHORITY CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR (A.111/JS)

Cllr D Chapman, the Deputy Chair of the Authority, presided for the appointment of the Chair for 2017/18.

Two Members, Cllr P Brady and Cllr Mrs L Roberts, had expressed an interest in the role of Chair of the Authority and provided a written statement, circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting. The two nominations were moved, seconded and, in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(4) the voting was carried out in the form of a ballot.

Following the ballot both candidates received an equal number of votes so, in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(3), Cllr Mrs L Roberts was appointed as Chair of the Authority for 2017/18 using the Deputy Chair's casting vote. Cllr Mrs Roberts then presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Two Members, Cllr D Chapman and Cllr Mrs J A Twigg had expressed an interest in the role of Deputy Chair of the Authority and provided a written statement, circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting. The two nominations were moved, seconded and,

in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(4) the voting was carried out in the form of a ballot.

Following the ballot Cllr D Chapman was appointed as Deputy Chair of the Authority for 2017/18.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To appoint Cllr Mrs L Roberts as Chair of the Authority for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in July 2018.**
- 2. To appoint Cllr D Chapman as Deputy Chair of the Authority for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in July 2018.**

32/17 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed new employees, Debbie Read, Head of Marketing & Fundraising Development, and David Marsden, Transport Policy Officer, to their first meeting of the Authority.

33/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26TH MAY 2017

The minutes of the last meeting of the Authority held on 26 May 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

34/17 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

35/17 REPORT OF THE MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS PANEL - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS, ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, PANELS AND ADVISORY GROUPS (A.111/ RC)

The meeting considered the reports of the Member Appointments Process Panel and considered each of the appointments in the order set out in recommendations 2 to 13 in the report. In most cases the appointments were moved, seconded and approved in accordance with the expressions of interest in the report. Any changes to the report are identified below.

During consideration of the report, in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(4), a motion was moved and seconded proposing that all the remaining contested appointments be determined by a ballot. The motion was put to the vote and, as an equal number of votes were cast for and against the motion, the motion was carried using the Chair's casting vote. Therefore all the remaining contested appointments, including appointments to outside bodies were determined following a ballot.

Appointment of the Vice Chair of Audit Resources and Performance Committee

At the meeting Cllr C Furness was nominated and seconded for this role. Cllr C Furness was provided with a brief opportunity to explain his reasons for seeking nomination on the day. This resulted in both Cllr C Furness and Cllr J Walton being nominated for the role. Following a ballot Cllr J Walton was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Planning Committee and Audit Resources and Performance Committee

It was noted that the Authority had previously agreed that the Membership of both Standing Committees should be set at 15 and the Local Authority positions allocated according to the formula used in previous years, following receipt of expressions of interest 14 Members had indicated that they wished to be appointed to Planning Committee and 13 Members wished to be appointed to Audit, Resources and Performance Committee. It was agreed that, as the recent Parliamentary Elections had delayed the new Secretary of State Appointments, Planning Committee would hold one vacancy and Audit Resources and Performance Committee would hold two vacancies which would be allocated to the new Members on appointment.

Appeals Panel

Following an additional expression of interest it was agreed that the size of the Panel be increased to 9 Members (5 Council and 4 Secretary of State).

Charity Member Advisory Group

Although two additional Members had expressed an interest in joining the Group it was agreed that the Group be reappointed for 2017/18 based on the Membership previously agreed by the Authority.

Development Plan Steering Group

It was agreed that although there was one vacancy, as the work of the Group was nearing completion, appointments for 2017/18 should remain the same as those in the previous year.

Member Representatives

Food and Farming – Cllr J Atkin and Cllr D Chapman withdrew their expression of interest leaving Mrs F Beatty and Mr R Helliwell as candidates for this role. Both were nominated and seconded and following a ballot Mr R Helliwell was appointed.

Health and Wellbeing – Mr Z Hamid withdrew his expression of interest. Cllr Mrs L Roberts was nominated and seconded and, following an uncontested vote, appointed.

Member Learning and Development – As there had been no expressions of interest in this role Cllr A McCloy was nominated and seconded and, following an uncontested vote, appointed.

Rural Economy – Cllr J Macrae withdrew his expression of interest leaving Mrs F Beatty and Cllr C Furness as candidates for this role. Both were nominated and seconded and, following a ballot, both received an equal number of votes. Cllr C Furness was appointed using the Chair's casting vote.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To confirm the Authority's previous decision to set the size of the two Standing Committees to 15, with 8 Local Authority Members and 7 Secretary of State Members and allocate Local Authority places on Planning Committee as set out in Section B(i) of Appendix 1 of the report.**
- 2. To appoint the following Members to the offices of Chair and Vice Chair of the Standing Committees until the Annual Meeting in July 2018:**

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| Planning Committee | Chair: Mr P Ancell
Vice Chair: Cllr D Birkinshaw |
| Audit Resources & Performance Committee | Chair Cllr A McCloy
Vice Chair Cllr F J Walton |
3. To appoint Members to Planning Committee, and the Audit Resources and Performance Committee as set out below until the Annual Meeting in July 2018:
- | Planning | Audit Resources & Performance |
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| Chair: Mr P Ancell
Vice Chair: Cllr D Birkinshaw | Chair: Cllr A McCloy
Vice Chair: Cllr F J Walton |
| Cllr P Brady
Cllr C Carr
Cllr D Chapman
Cllr A Hart
Mr R Helliwell
Cllr Mrs C Howe
Cllr A Law
Cllr H Laws
Cllr J Macrae
Cllr Mrs K Potter
Cllr Mrs L Roberts
Cllr Mrs J Twigg
1 Vacancy | Mrs P Anderson
Cllr J Atkin
Mrs F Beatty
Cllr A R Favell
Cllr C Furness
Mr Z Hamid
Cllr Mrs C G Heath
Cllr C McLaren
Cllr J Perkins
Cllr Mrs N Turner
Cllr R Wood
2 Vacancies |
4. To appoint the following Members to the Urgent Business Items Sub-Committee until the Annual Meeting in July 2018:
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| Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority | Cllr Mrs L Roberts
Cllr D Chapman |
| Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee | Mr P Ancell
Cllr D Birkinshaw |
| Chair and Vice Chair of Audit Resources and Performance Committee | Cllr A McCloy
Cllr F J Walton |
5. To appoint the following Members to the Local Joint Committee until the Annual Meeting in July 2018:
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| Cllr D Birkinshaw
Cllr D Chapman
Cllr C Furness
Cllr Mrs C Howe
Cllr J Macrae | Cllr C Carr
Cllr A R Favell
Mr Z Hamid
Cllr Mrs K Potter |
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6. To appoint the following Members to the Appeals Panel until the Annual Meeting in July 2018:
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| Cllr D Chapman
Cllr Mrs C Howe | Mr P Ancell
Cllr P Brady |
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| | Cllr A Law
Cllr Mrs J A Twigg
Cllr F J Walton | Cllr A R Favell
Cllr A McCloy |
| 7. | To appoint the following Members to the Due Diligence Panel until the Annual Meeting in July 2018: | |
| | One Member
One Deputy Member | Cllr Mrs C Howe
Mr Z Hamid |
| 8. | To appoint the following Members to the Charity Member Advisory Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2018: | |
| | Mrs F Beatty
Mr Z Hamid | Cllr A McCloy
Cllr C McLaren |
| 9. | To appoint the following Members to the Budget Monitoring Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2018: | |
| | Chair and Vice Chair of Audit
Resources and Performance Committee | Cllr A McCloy
Cllr F J Walton |
| | Chair of the Authority | Cllr Mrs L Roberts |
| | One other Members | Mrs F Beatty |
| 10. | To appoint the following Members to the Development Plan Steering Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2018: | |
| | Chair of Planning Committee
Vice Chair of Planning Committee | Mr P Ancell
Cllr D Birkinshaw |
| | Chair of the Authority | Cllr Mrs L Roberts |
| | | Cllr P Brady
Cllr C Furness
Mr R Helliwell
Vacancy |
| 11. | To appoint the following Members to the Appointments Process Panel until the Annual Meeting in July 2018: | |
| | Two Councillor Members | Cllr J Atkin
Cllr J Perkins |
| | One Secretary of State Member | Mrs F Beatty |
| | One Parish Member | Cllr C Carr |
| 12. | To appoint the following Member Representatives until the Annual Meeting in July 2018: | |
| | Asset Management
Communities
Connecting Young People with Nature | Cllr A Favell
Cllr P Brady
Mr Z Hamid |

Food and Farming	Mr R Helliwell
Health and Wellbeing	Cllr Mrs L Roberts
Landscape and Heritage	Mr R Helliwell
Member Learning and Development	Cllr A McCloy
Planning Enforcement	Cllr D Chapman
Tourism and Participation	Cllr J Macrae
Rural Economy	Cllr C Furness
Thriving Natural Environments	Mrs P Anderson

13. To confirm that only these appointments are approved duties for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances as set out in Schedule 2 in the Members' Allowances Scheme.

36/17 REVIEW OF MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES (A.1155/RC)

The Authority considered a report on making appointments to Outside Bodies until the Annual Meeting in July 2018.

At the 2017 Annual Meeting the Authority had asked Officers to carry out a review of the list of outside bodies to establish whether Member Representation was still needed. The report provided information on the outcome of this review.

At the meeting there was a discussion on whether Oldham and National Park Partnership should be included in the list of outside bodies. The Chief Executive agreed to look into the status of the Partnership and would bring a report back to a future Authority meeting if an outside body appointment was needed.

In most cases the appointments were moved, seconded and approved in accordance with the report of the Appointment Process Panel attached as Appendix 1 subject to the following changes:

Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership Rural Forum	As Cllr J Atkin and Cllr C Carr had expressed an interest in being the Deputy Member for this outside body the appointment was made following a ballot. Cllr C Carr was appointed.
East Midlands Council	As no expressions of interest had been received for this appointment Members were asked for nominations at the meeting. Cllr J Atkin was nominated, seconded and appointed.
Peak District and Derbyshire Destination Management Partnership Board	At the meeting Cllr J Macrae and Cllr C Carr withdrew their expressions of interest leaving the Member and Deputy roles uncontested. Cllr Mrs J Twigg was appointed as a Member with Cllr J Atkin appointed as her deputy.
Sheffield City Region	As Cllr C Furness and Cllr A Law had expressed an interest in being a Member of this outside body the appointment was made following a ballot. Cllr C Furness was appointed.

South West Peal Landscape Partnership	At the meeting Mr P Ancell and Mr Z Hamid withdrew their expressions of interest leaving the Member and Deputy roles uncontested. Cllr J Macrae was appointed as a Member with Mrs F Beatty appointed as his Deputy.
Stanage Forum Steering Group	At the meeting Cllr C Furness withdrew his expression of interest leaving the position uncontested. Mr Z Hamid was appointed.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To note the outcome of the review of Member representation on outside bodies.**
- 2. To make appointments to the Outside Bodies set out in Appendix 1 to the minutes to expire at the Annual meeting in July 2018.**
- 3. To confirm that attendance at meetings of the Outside Bodies identified in Appendix 1 be an approved duty for the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.**
- 4. To ask Members appointed to Outside Bodies to produce a short annual report on activities, as appropriate, to be circulated in June 2018 as part of preparations for the 2018 Annual Meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned from 11.20am to 11.25am following consideration of this item.

37/17 AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS (JS)

The Authority considered a report setting out proposals to amend parts 1 and 4 of Standing Orders relating to the arrangements for the sealing of documents and the Terms of Reference for Authority, Committees, Sub-Committees and Advisory Groups by making minor changes to the terms of reference of the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee to incorporate feedback from the External Auditors on the 2016/17 Annual Governance Statement.

As a notice had been received under Standing Order 1.28(11) this item, identified on the Agenda as a not for discussion item, was the subject of a discussion.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To amend Standing Order 1.34(2) to read as follows:**

“(2) The seal shall be attested by one at least of the following persons present at the sealing viz by the Chief Executive (National Park Officer), the Director of Corporate Strategy & Development, the Monitoring Officer, or the Democratic Services Manager. An entry of every sealing of a document shall be made and consecutively numbered in a book to be provided for the purpose and shall be signed by the person or by persons who shall have attested the seal.”

2. To make the following amendments to section G in Part 4 of Standing Orders so that paragraph 5 of the terms reference for Audit, Resources and Performance Committee reflect CIPFA guidance on Audit Committees:

5. **AUDIT & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

a) Internal and External Audit matters including:

- i. Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Governance Report
- ii. Internal Audit Plan and Audit Reports
- iii. Risk Management
- iv. Assurance Frameworks and Assurance Planning
- v. Value for Money and Best Value
- vi. Countering Fraud and Corruption
- vii. External Audit
- viii. Financial Reporting
- ix. Partnership Governance

b) Matters relating to the Authority's corporate governance framework.

c) Effective scrutiny of the Treasury Management Strategy and Policies.

38/17 MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE ANNUAL RETURN (JS)

The meeting considered the annual return of Members' attendance at Authority and Committee meetings and Training and Development events for 2016/17.

RESOLVED: To note the annual return of Members' attendance for 2016/17.

39/17 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2018 (A.111/RC)

The meeting considered a report setting out proposals for a schedule of meetings to cover the period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018.

As a notice had been received under Standing Order 1.28(11) this item, identified on the Agenda as a not for discussion item, was the subject of a discussion.

RESOLVED: To approve the calendar of meetings for 2018 as set out in Appendix 2 of these minutes.

AGM Minutes - Appendix 1 - Outside Body Member Appointments July 2017

AGM Minutes - Appendix 2 - 2018 Meeting Schedule

The meeting ended at 11.45 am

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – 2017/18

Campaign for National Parks	<u>1 Member:</u> Cllr Mrs L Roberts <u>2 Deputies</u> Mr Z Hamid Mr P Ancell
Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership Rural Forum	<u>1 Member:</u> Cllr Mrs J A Twigg <u>1 Deputy:</u> Cllr C Carr
Derbyshire Archeological Advisory Committee	<u>1 Member:</u> Cllr C Furness
Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board	<u>1 Member:</u> Cllr Mrs J A Twigg
Derbyshire Partnership Forum	<u>1 Member:</u> Cllr D Chapman <u>1 Deputy:</u> Cllr Mrs J A Twigg
Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership	<u>1 Member:</u> Cllr C Furness <u>1 Deputy</u> Cllr Mrs J A Twigg
Hope Valley and High Peak Community Rail Partnership	<u>1 Member:</u> Mr R Helliwell <u>1 Deputy</u> Cllr Mrs J A Twigg
East Midland Councils	<u>1 Member</u> Cllr J Atkin <u>1 Deputy</u> Vacant
Europarc	<u>1 Member (Usually Chair of Authority):</u> Cllr Mrs L Roberts
Land Managers Forum	<u>1 Chair (Usually Chair of Authority):</u> Cllr Mrs L Roberts <u>1 Deputy Chair:</u>

	<p>Cllr D Chapman</p> <p><u>2 Members:</u> Mrs Frances Beatty Mr Robert Helliwell</p>
Moors for the Future Partnership Group	<p><u>1 Chair:</u> Cllr D Chapman</p> <p><u>1 Deputy Chair and 1 Member</u> Mrs P Anderson and Mr R Helliwell</p>
National Parks England	<u>1 Member</u> (Usually Chair of Authority): Cllr Mrs L Roberts
National Parks Partnerships LLP – Annual Meeting	<u>1 Member</u> (Usually Chair of Authority): Cllr Mrs L Roberts
National Parks UK	<p><u>1 Member:</u> Cllr Mrs L Roberts</p> <p><u>1 Deputy</u> Cllr D Chapman</p>
Peak District and Derbyshire Destination Management Partnership Board	<p><u>1 Member:</u> Cllr Mrs J A Twigg</p> <p><u>1 Deputy:</u> Cllr J Atkin</p>
National Park Management Plan Advisory Group	<u>1 Member</u> (Usually Deputy Chair of Authority) Cllr D Chapman
Peak District Local Nature Partnership	<p><u>1 Member:</u> Mrs P Anderson</p> <p><u>1 Deputy:</u> Mr R Helliwell</p>
Peak District Local Access Forum	<u>1 Member:</u> Cllr J Walton
Peak District National Park Youth Forum Group	<u>1 Member:</u> Mr Z Hamid
Peak District Parishes' Forum Annual Liaison Meeting	<p><u>1 Member</u> (Usually Chair of Authority) Cllr Mrs L Roberts</p> <p><u>1 Deputy:</u> Cllr D Chapman</p>
Peak District Partnership	<u>1 Member:</u> Cllr Mrs J Twigg

	<u>1 Deputy:</u> Cllr J Atkin
Sheffield City Region Forum	<u>1 Member</u> Cllr C Furness <u>1 Deputy</u> Mr Z Hamid
South West Peak Landscape Partnership	<u>1 Member</u> Cllr J Macrae <u>1 Deputy</u> Mrs F Beatty
Staffordshire Destination Management Partnership	<u>1 Member:</u> Mrs F Beatty
Stanage Forum Steering Group	<u>1 Member:</u> Mr Z Hamid

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2018

Bank Holidays 2018: 1 Jan, 30 March 2 April, 7 & 28 May, 27 Aug, 25 & 26 Dec

All Meetings/Events start at 10am except where shown

Appendix 2

Formal Committee Meetings	2018											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Authority		2	16		25		6 AGM			5		7
Audit, Resources & Performance	19		2		18		20		7		2	
Local Joint						8					16	
Planning	12	9	9	13	11	15	13	10	14	12	9	14
Site Visits	11	8	8	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	13

Advisory Groups, Workshops & Events	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Members' Forum		2 1.30pm	16 1.30pm		25 1.30pm		6 1.30pm			5 1.30pm		7 1.30pm
Member Workshop									21	19	16	
Essential Training						8 New Member Induction			28 Planning (1)	26 Planning (2)		
Other events	19 Budget Monitoring				18 Budget Monitoring	22 Annual Tour	20 Budget Monitoring				16 Budget Monitoring	

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COUNCIL

Update on Actions from Council

Portfolio Holder: Various

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Report Author: Elizabeth Drogan, Head of the Constitutional Services
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8th November 2017

Reason for Decision

The decision is for Elected Members to note the updates to the actions from previous Council meetings.

Executive Summary

1. This report provides feedback to the Council on actions taken at the Council meeting on 13th September 2017.
2. This report also provides feedback on other issues raised at that meeting and previous meetings.

Recommendations

Council are asked to note the actions and correspondence received regarding motions agreed at previous Council meetings.

Update on Actions from Council

1 Background

1.1 The report sets out the actions officers have taken on motions of outstanding business and notice of motions approved at the Council meeting held on 13th September 2017.

2 Current Position

2.1 The current position from actions as a result of motions is set out in the table at Appendix One. Letters are attached at Appendix Two in response to the actions approved at Council.

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 Services Comments

7.1 N/A

8. Co-operative Agenda

8.1 N/A

9 Human Resources Comments

9.1 N/A

10 Risk Assessments

10.1 N/A

11 IT Implications

11.1 N/A

12 Property Implications

12.1 N/A

13 Procurement Implications

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- 13.1 N/A
- 14 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**
- 14.1 N/A
- 15 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**
- 15.1 None
- 16 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**
- 16.1 No
- 17 **Key Decision**
- 17.1 No
- 18 **Key Decision Reference**
- 18.1 N/A
- 19 **Background Papers**
- 19.1 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:
- Agenda and minutes of the Council meeting held 13th September 2017 are available online at: <http://committees.oldham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails>
- 20 **Appendices**
- 20.1 Appendix 1 – actions taken following the Council meeting held on 13th September 2017
- 20.2 Appendix 2 – Letters and other information received in response to actions approved at previous Council meetings.

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Actions from Council 13th September 2017

ACTION	RESPONSE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED
Public Question from Syed Maruf Ali re Tudor Street Pitch	Officers to respond	Neil Consterdine	In progress.
Public Question from Shaun McGrath re First Choice Homes Tenant Board	Letter to be sent to Mr. McGrath	Cllr Brownridge	A written response was sent on 21 st September 2017.
Ward Member Question from Cllr Murphy re Abandoned Vehicle	Environmental Health Officers undertook enforcement action.	Cllr Hussain	A 15-day notice was served on both cars. The notice expired at midnight on 4 th October. One car was removed by the owner and other had been referred to Waste Management for referral and to be removed on 12 October 2017.
Ward Member Question from Cllr Sheldon re Water Levels in Dovestone's Reservoirs	A response from United Utilities was received by Highways.	Cllr Hussain	See Note 1 below.
Outstanding Business: Universal Credit	Letter to be sent to Rt. Hon. David Gauke MP, SoS DWP	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Letters to be sent to the three MPs	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Letter to be sent to the Local Government Association	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Response from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 October 2017 received 24 October 2017		
	Response from DWP dated 20 Oct 2017 received 25 Oct 2017		

Cabinet Member Question from Cllr Sykes re Invoices	Immediate review to be undertaken on number of invoices paid.	Cllr Stretton	Review has been undertaken and a report provided to the Leader.
Cabinet Member Question from Cllr Sykes re Bulky Bobs	Advertisement of concessions under the contract	Cllr Stretton	<p>Under the current contract, the Council offers one free collection a year to Oldham residents who have physical difficulty putting their household bins out for reasons of age (e.g. infirmity), physical disability or pregnancy. The subsidy is offered at the point of booking due to the challenges around wider publicity, namely risk of abuse.</p> <p>Under the new contract, the responsibility for publicising the service (both for chargeable and non-chargeable bookings) has been transferred to the contractor. Through the new arrangements, the contractor will be financial incentivised to promote the service as well as preventing abuse, and the level of uptake of this offer will be closely monitored.</p>

Cabinet Member Question from Cllr Hudson re Uppermill Taxi Rank	Clarity whether the rank can be used for parking during the day, if time limited and appropriate signage	Cllr Stretton	With regard to the taxi rank in The Square, Uppermill, the hours of operation of the stand are 8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. daily. Outside of these times, there is no disadvantage to motorists want to park in this location.
Administration Business 1: Electrification of Rail Line	Letter to be sent to Transport Secretary Chris Grayling Letters to be sent to the three MPs Response from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 October 2017 received 24 October 2017	Chief Executive Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017 22 nd September 2017
Administration Business 2: Homelessness	Work with partners to implement new Housing Reduction duties; Mitigate impact of government policy; Investigate ways of increasing housing supply; Campaign for changes to Universal Credit Letters to be sent to the three MPs Response from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 October 2017 received 24 October 2017	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods Leader of the Council Chief Executive	Briefing Note attached. 30 th October 2017 22 nd September 2017

Administration Business 3: Air Quality Plan	Motion to be rolled to the next Council meeting	Constitutional Services	8 th November 2017
Opposition Business 1: Withdrawal of Adult Congenital Heart Disease Services	Letter to be sent to the Secretary of State for Health	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Letter to be sent to the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Letter to be sent the Greater Manchester Mayor	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Letters to be sent to the three MPs	Chief Executive	22 nd September 2017
	Response from Minister of State for Health dated 20 Oct 2017 received 24 Oct 2017		
	Response from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 October 2017 received 24 October 2017		

<p>Opposition Business 2: Homelessness</p>	<p>Adopt Policy; Support measures to tackle homelessness at a Greater Manchester Level; Ensure Council and partners can contribute to ending homelessness</p> <p>Letters to be sent to the charities involved in the End Rough Sleeping Campaign</p> <p>Letters to be sent to the three MPs</p> <p>Response from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 October 2017 received 24 October 2017</p>	<p>Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Briefing Note attached.</p> <p>22nd September 2017</p> <p>22nd September 2017</p>
<p>Opposition Business 3: Suffrage to Citizenship</p>	<p>Appoint an Elected Member Champion as per Lord Porter's Request</p> <p>Report be brought back to a future Council meeting how the Council could best support the aims of the Project</p>	<p>Cllr Stretton</p> <p>Elected Member Champion</p>	<p>Councillor Roberts was appointed as Elected Member Champion.</p> <p>To be scheduled.</p>
<p>Joint Authority Minutes: GMCA, 30th June 2017, page 101 – National Productivity Investment Fund – Funding for Eastern and Western Gateways</p>	<p>Confirmation of correct funding allocations</p>	<p>Cllr Stretton</p>	<p>The bid schemes were corrected. The Council is awaiting the outcomes of the bids.</p>

Update on Actions from Council	Council noted the actions received regarding motions and other actions agreed at previous Council meetings.	Council	The Council noted the report on 13 th September 2017.
Treasury Management Review 2016/17	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The actual 2016/17 prudential treasury indicators in the report be approved. 2. The Annual Treasury Management Report for 2016/17 be approved. 3. The amendment to the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 with regard to the unspecified investments as presented at Appendix 4 of the report be approved. 	Council	The Council noted the report on 13 th September 2017.
2016/17 Statement of Accounts	RESOLVED that the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2016/17, the Audit Findings Report and the comments provided in the report be noted.	Council	The Council noted the report on 13 th September 2017.

Note 1: Response related to Reservoirs

United Utilities had been approached with a similar query about Dovestones and their response was as follows:

“How we operate our reservoirs and discharge from them is controlled by both the Environment Agency (EA) and Secretary of State. They are not designed for flood storage and we are required to keep a certain volume of water within them. I am confident that the reservoir did not operate as you described with it being emptied at once. With the sheer volume of water it suggests that the reservoirs are full and there is nowhere else for the water to go, rather than reservoirs being deliberately emptied at times of high flow.”

The stance is that reservoirs are capturing drinking water and not for flood management. (EA are looking into the aspect of using the reservoirs for flood management). They explained that Dovestones does not have a mechanical system which is controlled by an operative but overflow spillage occurs as soon as the water level reaches a certain level i.e. when it becomes full. A more detailed presentation has been requested.

Previous to 13th September 2017 Council:

<p>Leader & Cabinet Question Time – Cllr Sykes to Cllr McMahon – Community Shop (4 February 2015)</p>	<p>Referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p><u>Community Shop</u> – several reports had been presented to the Overview and Scrutiny since July 2015. A workshop was organised for elected members on 28 September 2015. A visit also took place to the Community Shop in Barnsley and Fare Share in Ashton.</p> <p>The latest report was submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Board on 17 October 2017. See Note 2 below.</p>
<p>Opposition Business 1 – Bin Collection App (13 July 2016)</p>	<p>The merits and costs of the introduction of a bin app for the Oldham Borough be looked at and an update be provided to elected members.</p>	<p>Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>As at 26 October 2017:</p> <p>During the review to establish the business case in the app, a significant reduction in the cost of implementing the app has been secured. This will still need to be balanced against the available evidence (pending) regarding uptake of the app through promotion. However, it is anticipated that there will be sufficient benefit to warrant investment. Once this has been established, officers are working towards a</p>

			new year launch date.
Opposition Business 1: Scrap the Domestic Violence Charge Fee (12 July 2017)	Health and Wellbeing Board and Domestic Violence Partnership to contact local GPs	Relevant bodies	At the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 19 th September 2017 it was agreed that a letter will be sent. The letter will be co-signed by the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Chair of the Domestic Violence Partnership and be sent to the GPs/CCG.

Note 2: Community Shop

The Overview and Scrutiny Board considered a report which provided an update on the current position in respect of community food and growing hubs across Oldham and the potential of the hubs to deliver the ambition of ‘fair access to healthy food for all’ which included a focus on the minimisation of food waste through redistribution and education. There had been engagement and consultation with a number of elected members and representatives from Growing Oldham which included the Feeding Ambition Partnership and Oldham Food Network. The report also highlighted points raised around access for all residents and that investment in building new and existing community hubs could be a more sustainable and co-operative approach, detailed the existing mapping work which had been undertaken to plot the increasing number of food and growing hubs across the borough, the Get Oldham Growing Public Health Programme, the Green Dividend which was a co-operative initiative which supported 48 projects and Oldham’s Food and Growing Hub Model. Since the Community Shop had first been considered the community food network had been developed, successful campaigns had taken place, forums had been established and the delivery of Get Oldham Growing continued.

The Overview and Scrutiny Board resolved that as the issue of the Community Shop model had been considered and explored in consultation with a range of partners, and following the engagement and the review of the opportunities for Oldham agreed the following:

1. No further work be undertaken related to the Community Shop as this was not the most appropriate solution for Oldham due in part to limitations on access for all residents and the changing capacity, interest and ambition in Oldham maturing through the community-led Oldham Food Network.

2. A locally-led model refocussed on the investment in building new and existing community food and growing hubs as part of a sustainable and co-operative approach to be taken forward by the Growing Oldham: Feeding Ambition Partnership.
3. Updates from the Growing Oldham: Feeding Ambition Partnership would be reported back to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The complete report presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Board can be found at:

<http://committees.oldham.gov.uk/documents/b20583/Community%20Food%20and%20Growing%20Hubs%2017th-Oct-2017%2018.00%20Overview%20and%20Scrutiny%20Board.pdf?T=9>

Jim McMahon OBE MP



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Our Ref: SM/WILK01005/01170483

19 October 2017

Dear Dr Wilkins

Re: Universal Credit Council Resolution

Thank you for contacting me with regards to the above council resolution, though please accept my apologies for the delayed response.

I can assure Council that I have done a great amount of work regarding Universal Credit and will continue to press the Government on this issue. I understand that the current system is failing countless constituents in Oldham, whereby delays and miscalculations are leaving many in debt and depression, and I have listened first-hand to the concerns of those directly affected by Universal Credit. As you may know, I called together a meeting of charities and public bodies to discuss this matter.

I am further grateful to Oldham Council for the valuable information and statistics which have helped and continue to help highlight the salience of the issue at hand. I am in agreement with the council resolution raised, which acknowledges that a new and improved design and delivery of Universal Credit is needed in order to mitigate impacts for low income, working age residents in Oldham.

While the Conservatives have made recent changes to telephone charges in relation to Universal Credit, much more needs to be done. I and my Labour colleagues will therefore continue to hold the Conservatives to account, in seeking to call for further revision of a system which is failing so many.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim McMahon".

Jim McMahon OBE MP
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20 OCT 2017

Dear Dr Wilkins,

Thank you for your letter of 19 September to the Secretary of State about Universal Credit. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this area of the Department's work.

Firstly, we do recognise your concerns about payment delays in Universal Credit, but rest assured that we have focussed heavily on improving performance in this area. Universal Credit requires a broader range of verified information than any other single benefit in order to establish the amount of benefit to which the individual is entitled, and part of our efforts have focussed on ensuring that we support claimants to provide this.

These efforts have proved successful. Our latest internal data suggests approximately 80 per cent of cases were paid in full at the end of the first assessment period. For the 20 per cent of cases who were not paid in full, we estimate that around a third have not agreed their claimant commitment so cannot be paid until they have. The other two thirds have an outstanding verification issue, such as providing bank statements, evidence of childcare costs, or proof of rent. Many of these claimants receive a part-payment where some elements of the claim have been verified. We are continuing to implement further improvements to address these areas, such as the introduction of a landlord portal to help verify rent.

The Universal Credit assessment period and payment structure are fundamental parts of the design. They help reduce welfare dependency by mirroring the world of work, where 75 per cent of claimants are paid

monthly. Minimising the difference between paid employment and being on benefit effectively removes a key barrier to moving back into work by helping claimants to budget on a monthly basis. Many claimants will come to Universal Credit with final earnings to support them until their first payment and claims should be paid within five weeks, or six weeks if waiting days are served. For those who cannot wait until their first payment of Universal Credit, an advance is available which provides up to 50 per cent of a claimant's indicative award. Information about the availability of advance payments is also provided in the new 'Universal Credit & You' guide for claimants on the Government's website, on the Universal Credit helpline and as part of the online Money Manager tool offered by the Money Advice Service launched in February. Advances are recovered over a maximum of six months, although exceptionally this period could be deferred by up to three months.

With regard to the deductions that are applied, we believe the current deduction rate allows claimants to get on top of their arrears more quickly. We make exceptions to the 40 per cent maximum rate if it is in the best interest of the claimant to do so. Deductions are an important way to protect vulnerable claimants from the consequences of getting into debt. We only make deductions when claimants are in arrears and have no other means of clearing the debt or have continually failed to repay the debt. We have prioritised deductions for arrears of mortgage interest, rent, service charges, gas or electricity to prevent vulnerable claimants from being made homeless or having their fuel disconnected. The maximum amount that can be deducted for debt repayments is 40 per cent of their Universal Credit standard allowance. Many claimants get additional payments, for housing, children, et cetera and deductions are not taken from these payments.

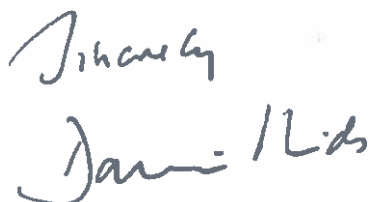
Turning to your concerns about sanctions, these also apply to other benefits and we would expect a difference in sanction rates between a legacy benefit and Universal Credit for a number of reasons. For example, Universal Credit and Jobseeker's Allowance sanctions rates relate to different benefits with different conditionality regimes. In particular, and part of the reason that we would expect the number of people sanctioned in Universal Credit to be higher, is that under Universal Credit, if a claimant fails to attend a work-focused interview without good reason they can be sanctioned. However, in Jobseeker's Allowance, if a claimant fails to attend a work-focused interview then after five days their claim is terminated if they fail to make contact. This termination of a claim does not appear in sanction rates. This means that the number of individuals sanctioned appears higher, when in reality

there are consequences of non-attendance in both Jobseeker's Allowance and Universal Credit.

Finally, with regard to the provision of housing costs for short-term, temporary accommodation, we have listened to concerns from local authorities and other stakeholders around issues with some types of temporary accommodation and how they interact with the payment structures of Universal Credit. That is why this Department is currently looking closely at the issue and considering the options.

We have been working closely with the sector to identify a short-term solution to the issue. Once this is in place, we will be working with the Department of Communities and Local Government and the local authorities to identify a long-term solution.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dear Dr Wilkins

Re: Oldham Council Resolution – Rail Electrification

Thank you for contacting me regarding the above council resolution, though please accept my apologies for the delayed response.

With regards to the points highlighted concerning rail electrification, I have made representations to the Government and will continue to raise this issue moving forward. I have always reiterated the point that northern towns and cities have been marginalised as a result of continued Whitehall investments in London, and note that transport represents an imbalance between London and the north. Alike to Council, I therefore support the electrification of the east-west transpennine railway between Manchester and Leeds.

You have my assurance that I will do my very best to press the Government to deliver the planned electrification program.

I hope this helps.

Yours sincerely

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Briefing Paper

Homelessness in Oldham

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 There has continued to be an increase in the number of households approaching Oldham Housing and Advice Services (OHAS).
- 1.2 There has been a bigger increase in the number of households who are being interviewed as threatened with homelessness, accepted as being homeless and being owed a statutory duty. These figures have doubled each year since 2015/16. (2015/16 128 decisions - 47 Full Duty, 2016/17 245 decisions – 86 Full Duty, 2017/18 (end Q2) 254 decisions – 68 Full Duty)
- 1.3 There are a number of reasons for this increase. These include
 - Nationally there are increasing numbers of households approaching services and being accepted as homeless.
 - Change in case law which has resulted in a 'lowering' of thresholds, in respect of single applicants.
 - Increased length of time households are in temporary accommodation.
- 1.4 The reasons given for loss of last settled home include:
 - Loss of lodgings from parents or other relatives or friends
 - Loss of private rented accommodation
 - Required to leave accommodation provided by Home Office as asylum support
 - Relationship breakdown
 - Domestic violence
- 1.5 There has been a resultant significant increase in the number of households placed in temporary accommodation under homelessness duties, including Bed and Breakfast accommodation.

	Q4 2015/16	Q1 2016/17	Q2 2016/17	Q3 2016/17	Q4 2016/17	Q1 2017/18	Q2 2017/18
Number of households in Temporary Accommodation at quarter end	19	21	28	29	66	45	56

- 1.6 The reasons for this include: Increased numbers of households approaching services/Blocking of current temporary accommodation due to:
- Reduced void turnover in social housing means that there are less properties coming available for people to move on to
 - High demand and limited supply of accommodation with one bedroom
 - Barriers to move on due to historic tenancy issues e.g. rent arrears, ASB
 - Reduction in numbers of units of supported accommodation for people to move on to.
 - Increasing households with complex and multiple needs
 - 'Affordability' criteria operated by landlords
 - Lack of access to the private rented sector

- 1.7 Furthermore, it is anticipated that the number of households presenting to council and requiring statutory support will continue to increase going forward.

2.0 National Policy Changes

- 2.1 There are a number of policy changes which are in place or being considered which will impact on this further including:

2.2 Homelessness Reduction Act

- 2.21 The act is seeking to amend Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996. There are 13 clauses that amend many of the existing duties and bring in a substantial number of new duties:
- It introduces requirements for local authorities to carry out homelessness prevention work with all those who are eligible for help and threatened with homelessness.
 - It increases the time at which a person is classed as being threatened with homelessness from 28 days before a person is likely to be homeless, to 56 days.
 - It requires local authorities to carry out an assessment of the applicant's needs, and that the steps agreed between the local authority and the applicant are set out in writing, and a personal housing action plan developed and agreed.
 - A new duty is placed on local authorities to take steps for 56 days to relieve homelessness by helping any eligible homeless applicant to secure accommodation.
 - There are certain requirements that the authority will have to follow in respect of applicants who 'deliberately and unreasonably' refuse to co-operate.
 - A new duty is placed on 'public authorities' to refer those who are either homeless or at risk of being homeless to homelessness and housing advice services.

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- Provision is also made for certain care leavers, to make it easier for them to show they have a local connection with both the area of the local authority responsible for them and the area in which they lived while in care if that was different.
- 2.22 It is anticipated that homelessness applications are likely to increase by 60% as a result of the legislation (not taking into account all the other factors which are likely to lead to an increase in homelessness in Oldham) and that each of these will require significantly more proactive case work than is currently required. There is a requirement to complete a personal housing action plan for all applicants, which, it is anticipated, will take approximately 2 hours per household. A new duty is placed on all local authorities to help any eligible homeless applicant to secure accommodation. This is not the case under current legislation. There are a significant number of households with barriers to accessing accommodation due to significant rent arrears, anti-social behaviour or other tenancy issues and this will be a major challenge.
- 2.3 **Universal Credit Full Digital Service** - Oldham Job Centre moved to Universal Credit Full Digital Service (UCFS) from April 2017. Claimants are now required to make a claim, check details of payments, notify changes of circumstance and search for a job through a single account, making digital the primary channel for most working-age people to interact with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). This will not just apply to new claims and changes of circumstances but all current claims are required to move to the new service from April 2017. It is anticipated that all existing UC claims from an Oldham post code will have moved to Full Digital Service within a 6 month period.
- 2.31 UC brings together a range of working-age benefits into a single streamlined payment, including housing costs, formerly paid direct to landlords through housing benefit. As households move on to UC there is concern that more households will fail to make payments for housing costs, fall in to arrears and become at risk of homelessness. The increase in rent arrears across UC areas has been widely publicised within the national press. Registered providers in Oldham have confirmed this, in particular FCHO who have the highest number of social rented properties within the borough. FCHO arrears for UC tenants compared to all other payment types are higher per head. The percentage of customers who are in arrears for self-payers and HB recipients currently stands at 18% whereby for UC customers this is 68%.
- 2.32 There is also a concern that landlords, particularly in the private rented sector, will cease to let properties to households in receipt of UC which will restrict housing options for these people and significantly limit move-on options for households in temporary and supported accommodation. This supports the need for the council to increase resources to this area.
- 2.4 **Restrictions on payments for housing costs for 18-21 year olds** - In March 2017 the government published new rules confirming that some 18-21 year olds who claim UC in UCFS areas will no longer get payments towards their housing costs. This means that Oldham is one of the first areas undertaking this change. There are currently 801 single people aged 18-21 years on the housing register, of which 145 are in high or medium housing need. There are also 19 single people aged 18-21 years in supported accommodation and 21 single people waiting for this accommodation. The council will need to identify options for these.
- 2.5 **Introduction of the Local Housing Allowance cap for social housing (Restrictions on payments for housing costs for under 35 year olds)** - From 1 April 2019, the way Housing Benefit (HB) or the housing element of UC for social housing tenancies is calculated is changing. The amount of benefit will be restricted to the Local Housing

Allowance (LHA) level for the size of the household. Currently under HB the award is made based on the rent charged. For single people on benefits, aged under the age of 35 years, payments will be made according to the 'shared room rate'. This is lower rate than the 'one bedroom rate' and will potentially leave a gap of approximately £20 per week in the rent charged. The council is unable to discharge its homelessness duties where accommodation is 'unaffordable'. In October 2017 there were 2119 applicants on the housing register who were single and under 35 and therefore affected by the LHA shared accommodation rate. Of these 374 applicants were assessed as in 'emergency' or 'high' band and 637 in 'medium'. There is therefore a need to increase the availability of shared accommodation within the borough and some of this needs to come from the private rented sector.

3.0 Rent and mortgage arrears

Colleagues from the Oldham Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) have advised that the number of households seeking support at the Oldham Court Desk in respect of rent arrears has significantly increased. This includes a 50% increase in the number of households in social housing attending court at risk of eviction and 100% increase in the number of households in private rented accommodation based on information provided for 2015/16 and 2016/17. They have also reported that there is an increase in social landlords seeking to evict using Ground 8 of the Housing Act 1988 (as amended by the Housing Act 1996). This is a mandatory ground and is generally seen as an easier route for obtaining possession. The law states that if a tenant is more than eight weeks or two months behind with their rent when the Notice is issued to them and also at the subsequent possession hearing the Judge has no discretion and is required to grant a Possession Order. This obviously has significant implications when considering that UC housing payments in Oldham are currently taking up to 8+ weeks to be paid. Croydon Council report that in UCFS it is taking on average 10 weeks for cases to be assessed and payments made.

4.0 Council Motion

4.1 The following motion was agreed at Council on 13th September 2017.

This Council resolves to:

1. Work with partners in Oldham to implement the new Housing Reduction duties as effectively as possible
2. Continue to do all it can to mitigate the impact of government policy e.g. by supporting Oldham Nightstop and Oldham Reconnect to help young people
3. Investigate ways of increasing housing supply e.g. by improving access to private sector tenancies
4. Campaign for: changes to Universal Credit to get payments started as soon as a successful claim has been made; to reinstate support for housing costs for 18-21 year olds and to ensure that Universal Credit meets the cost of temporary accommodation including for households in bed and breakfast
5. Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the borough's three MPs outlining our concerns and asking them to do all they can to achieve changes outlined above

5.0 Response to Council Motion

5.1 **Work with partners to implement the new Homelessness Reduction Act duties as effectively as possible**

Oldham Council is working with colleagues from Oldham Housing and Advice Service (OHAS) and across Greater Manchester (GM) to prepare for introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act. This includes:

- Visits to Welsh local authorities who have already implemented elements of the new legislation to obtain information regarding their experience to date, impact on services, working practices, paperwork, etc.
- Oldham representation at GM cross authority working groups developing processes, paperwork and IT systems which will support casework required as part of the new statutory duties
- Agreeing training requirements for all staff across GM working within homelessness services and commissioning this training at a GM level. Bespoke training to take place across the GM region and all staff working in homelessness services will be required to attend this.
- Briefings will take place with members of the Homelessness Forum on the requirements of the new act.
- Briefings will also take place with other 'public authorities' who are specified in the new Code of Guidance when this is published.

5.2 Continue to do all it can to mitigate the impact of government policy e.g. by supporting Oldham Nightstop and Oldham Reconnect to help young people

Oldham Council is working with a range of partners to seek to mitigate the impact of government policy on vulnerable groups. This includes:

- Preventing Homelessness Grant has been used to provide increased funding for Oldham Nightstop and Oldham Reconnect for 2017/18
- Joint work has been undertaken with regard to Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to agree a number of specified Trusted Partners within Oldham (housing agencies and agencies working with young people, e.g. After Care, Positive Steps, Depaul UK, Oldham CAB) are able to provide information to support that young people are exempt from the housing costs restrictions
- The council has reviewed criteria and pathways for access to supported accommodation in Oldham to ensure that young people who access services should be entitled to support in respect of housing costs
- First Choice Homes Oldham (FCHO) and a number of other registered providers are seeking to develop shared housing options which will be more affordable to young people on low incomes.
- Joint work with colleagues in Exchequer Services to review the current Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) policy to ensure it supports the homelessness prevention agenda to maximum effect

5.3 Investigate ways of increasing housing supply e.g. by improving access to private sector tenancies

Oldham Council is working towards this by:

- Repurposing a vacant Principal Housing Strategy Officer post to take a more proactive approach and undertake strategic engagement with the private rented sector to selectively develop the sector in Oldham, with particular reference to Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) and developing an offer for Oldham landlords
- As 5.2 above, FCHO and a number of other registered providers are seeking to develop shared housing options which will be more affordable to people on low incomes.

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- Participating in discussion at a GM level in respect of the development of a GM Social Lettings Agency and GM Housing First

Subject to October Cabinet approval:

- Establish a Bond Scheme Officer post. This post would develop links with private sector landlords and letting agents and also develop and administer a paper Bond Scheme to assist households who do not have access to a cash bond to access accommodation. In addition approve establishment of funding pot to underwrite bonds issued by the Bond Scheme Officer.
- Increase resources available through the OHAS contract which will include focus on increased access to, and reduced evictions from, the private rented sector
- In the future potentially utilize Housing Revenue Account (HRA) reserves to acquire or develop suitable properties within the private sector (which may then be managed by a registered provider) to further meet demands.

5.4 Campaign for changes to Universal Credit to get payments started as soon as a successful claim has been made to reinstate support for housing costs to 18-21 year olds and to ensure that Universal Credit meets the cost of temporary accommodation including for households in bed and breakfast.

Oldham Council is working towards this by:

- The Leader of the Council has written to DWP to advise of the impact that UC is having on households in Oldham.
- Information has also been provided to Jim McMahon MP by a number of different agencies in Oldham, including Oldham CAB, Oldham Foodbank, First Choice Homes Oldham and the council in respect of the difficulties being faced by households in Oldham who are being moved on to UCFS.
- Staff from across the council are raising awareness of the impact of UCFS on households in Oldham and services to colleagues in other local authority areas and at a GM level.

5.5 Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the borough's three MPs outlining our concerns and asking them to do all they can to achieve changes outlined above

- As requested the Chief Executive has written to the borough's three MPs outlining concerns and asking them to do all they can to achieve changes outlined above



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Dear Dr Wilkins

Re: Oldham Council Resolutions concerning Homelessness

Thank you for contacting me regarding your recent resolutions concerning homelessness, though please accept my apologies for the delayed response.

Further to your letter, the Labour frontbench has taken a very strong stance on homelessness and I am wholly supportive of the pressure they are bringing to bear on the current Conservative Government. Furthermore, I would like to assure Council that I will be raising in Parliament issues around homelessness at the next opportune moment.

I have previously raised my concerns with the Mayor for Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, in my efforts to highlight the notable salience of tackling homelessness in the UK. I fully support the work Andy is doing in trying to eradicate rough sleeping in Greater Manchester, and I will continue to press these issues with the Government.

It must remain noted that the statutory powers delegated to tackle homelessness in the UK fall largely with the Conservative Government. With cuts to housing budgets, as well as the problems associated with Universal Credit, I and my Labour colleagues will continue to remind the Government that supportive resources are pivotal for ensuring the decline in homelessness.

I hope this reply illustrates that I am supportive of and share Full Council's concerns.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr Wilkins

Thank you for your letter of 19 September to the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Health, about congenital heart disease (CHD) services in Manchester. I am replying as the issues raised fall within my ministerial portfolio.

I note the Council's concerns.

As you will know, under NHS England's proposals the most specialist parts of services for adult patients with CHD would move from Manchester to Liverpool. NHS England considers that outpatient clinics and non-complex maternity care for adults with CHD could still continue in Manchester. Specialist services for children with CHD are already delivered in Liverpool.

In its assessment of CHD centres NHS England identified the arrangements at Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) as a risk. A significant factor was that the service has been supported by only one surgeon. This has meant that if he were to be unavailable, care could be compromised. The arrangement lacked resilience, and the surgeon has now left the trust.

NHS England has worked with MFT, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Newcastle-upon-Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to develop robust clinical arrangements for the safe ongoing care of patients.

A comprehensive set of arrangements has been put in place to support the ongoing care of all Manchester's adult CHD patients. Some aspects of that service are still

being provided in Manchester and some elements of the service are being delivered by Manchester clinicians, but the majority of the specialist CHD care is being provided by clinicians from Leeds, and, to a lesser extent, Newcastle. The arrangements include the management of adult CHD medical and surgical emergencies, urgent care of CHD patients with other surgical emergencies, outpatients and multidisciplinary team meetings.

Unfortunately, this will mean that some patients have longer journeys to appointments and admissions and NHS England recognises that this will be an additional burden on affected patients and their families. To minimise the impact of this, most outpatient care and diagnostic tests will continue to be offered on the MFT site, supported by consultants from other hospitals. In addition, there will be a dedicated adult CHD clinical nurse specialist service and support at MFT, together with non-cardiac surgery for adults and children with CHD, and maternity care for women with adult CHD, including pre-conception counselling.

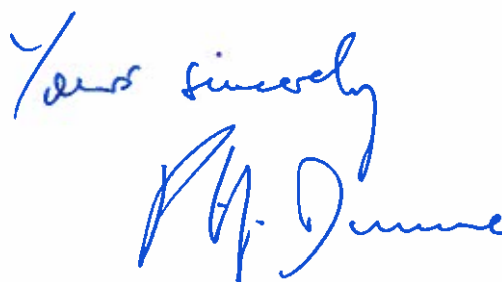
In addition, MFT has said that patients who need to travel to another hospital for elective (planned) treatment will be supported to make appropriate travel arrangements.

NHS England is continuing to work with the hospital trusts in Manchester and Liverpool to ensure that safe and effective care is available now and in the long term. It understands that the uncertainty over the future of services in the north west is not helpful and adds to the anxieties that patients and their families are feeling. It is considering how best to resolve that uncertainty as quickly as possible. Its priority in establishing the interim arrangements is to ensure that patients continue to receive safe, effective care.

As the Trust responsible for these patients, MFT has led the work of letting patients know what is happening and answering their questions. NHS England and MFT staff recently met with patients and their representatives to explain more about what is happening and the interim arrangements. At the meeting, patients were able to express their concerns about the service, and these will help inform the next steps in managing this situation.

We expect NHS England to take a decision on the future of CHD services at their Board meeting on 30th November.

I hope this reply is helpful.



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Dear Dr Wilkins

Re: Withdrawal of Adult Congenital Heart Disease Treatment Services in Greater Manchester

Please accept my apologies for the delayed response regarding this council resolution.

Further to your letter, I have contacted The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, as well as the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham. I am in agreement with your concerns, and I have requested that information is passed on regarding the efforts being made to ensure suitable access to specialist facilities for ACHD patients in Oldham and Greater Manchester.

I hope this helps, and upon receiving a reply I will notify you immediately.

Yours sincerely

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Briefing Paper

Ending the National Scandal of Homelessness

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1.0 Background

1.1 Motion 2 – Ending the National Scandal of Homelessness

This Council notes:

- The national scandal of homelessness, with official figures showing over 4,000 people sleeping rough on any one night, in England last year and over 250,000 people in some form of homelessness.
- That figures for sleeping rough have increased by nearly 50% in the last two years.
- That Greater Manchester has a particular homelessness problem, with Manchester having the fourth highest rates of rough sleeping in the country.
- The charities, Crisis, Centrepont, Homeless Link, Shelter and St Mungo's have launched the End Rough Sleeping Campaign to call upon politicians of all parties to make a commitment to end rough sleeping and homelessness.

Working with our social housing and voluntary sector partners, Council reaffirms its commitment to ending rough sleeping and homelessness.

2.0 Council Motion

The following motion was agreed at Council on 13th September 2017:

- Adopt as policy the aspirations outlined in the End Rough Sleeping Campaign that in this borough:

2.1 No-one is sleeping rough

As far as possible staff seek to ensure that no-one is sleeping rough within Oldham. There are good links with the Neighbourhood Police Team for the town centre and staff within the district teams. On occasions where there is a report of someone rough sleeping in Oldham, agencies have communicated quickly and worked together to try and engage with the person and resolve the situation. Unfortunately for some people there may be barriers to accessing housing options due to previous tenancy issues, which may include eviction due to rent arrears or anti-social behaviour. This may mean that it is very difficult to access housing options for some.

Guidance from the CLG advises that Severe Weather Emergency Provision arrangements (SWEP) are triggered when the night time temperature is predicted to be zero degrees or below for three consecutive nights, to ensure that people are not at risk of dying on the streets during cold weather. In Oldham, Cold Weather Provision (CWP) arrangements are slightly more generous and are based on any night that the temperature in Oldham is anticipated to drop to zero or below. These arrangements will commence on 1st November 2017 until 31st March 2018. (This date may change if there is extreme weather expected beyond this date). During this period of cold weather short term accommodation (or shelter) will be provided to households who the council (or partner agencies) considers are at risk of sleeping rough. Threshold and Depaul UK have been approached and asked to be part of these arrangements. This commitment includes the provision of somewhere to sleep (which may be the couch in a communal lounge or on a camp bed) along with food, warm drinks and access to washing and laundry facilities.

Work is ongoing at a Greater Manchester (GM) level to develop pathways for rough sleepers and prevention options for those at risk of rough sleeping. This includes accommodation and support and will be accessible by all authorities in GM. Oldham Council has fed into this based on information provided by partner agencies. In addition the GM Public Service Reform Board met on met on 6th October 2017. Following this meeting the GM Mayor (Andy Burnham) announced that Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service has pledged to open up its stations to support homeless people in partnership with community and voluntary groups to provide a range of services. This will be explored in Oldham.

2.2 No-one is living in shelters, hostels or other emergency accommodation without a plan to move into suitable and settled housing within an agreed appropriate timescale

All households who are placed by the council, through the Oldham Housing and Advice Services (OHAS) contract with First Choice Homes Oldham (FCHO) in any form of temporary or emergency accommodation will have a housing assessment and will be advised of their housing options. They will be advised how to maximise their housing options and actions that they should take to increase their chances of accessing move-on accommodation quickly. They will be supported with this. This will

include support with making applications to supported accommodation or to contact letting agencies to access private rented accommodation. In terms of accessing social housing if applicants do not place regular bids for suitable properties that become available, the staff will place bids for them. Activity in respect of all households in temporary or emergency accommodation is regularly monitored by council staff.

It is a requirement of the Homelessness Reduction Act going forward that all households who approach the council as homeless, or at risk of homelessness, will have a personal housing action plan. New IT systems and staff training commissioned at a GM level are currently being developed to support this.

2.3 No-one is homeless as a result of leaving the care system, prison or other state institution

Close links are in place between housing/homelessness staff and colleagues in other services, including After Care, Probation, and the Royal Oldham Hospital. There are local protocols in place in respect of young people (including care leavers) who are homeless and at a GM level in respect of hospital discharge. Staff from within the Housing Strategy Team are represented on the Reducing Reoffending Board, Corporate Parenting Board and Youth Justice Main Board. People who are leaving care, hospital, prison and the armed forces are prioritized in respect of the council's Allocations Scheme and also in terms of access to supported accommodation. Multi-agency meetings or case conferences will take place where there are people who are coming out of institutions and need a specific housing offer.

FCHO currently fund a Hospital to Home service and Housing Options for Older People (HOOP), which are focused around expediting discharge from hospital for households whose current accommodation is unsuitable. The OHAS also receive referrals from ward staff/social workers of households who may be homeless. Appointments are then made for people to attend interviews at the centre or for a member of staff to visit them at the hospital to undertake a homelessness assessment and discuss housing options.

There are a number of services which are in place within local prisons including Shelter who provide housing advice. Staff seek to prevent homelessness before a person is released and Oldham Reconnect (Young Persons Mediation) will engage with the young person and their family whilst the person is still in custody. Staff from the OHAS will also visit people within prison to complete a homelessness assessment and discuss housing options.

2.3 Everyone at immediate risk of homelessness gets the help they need to prevent it happening.

There is a strong partnership approach in the prevention of homelessness within the borough and a large number of partners contribute towards this. The council funds a number of initiatives using Preventing Homelessness Grant. This includes Oldham Reconnect (Young Persons Mediation Service) and Oldham Nightstop to prevent young people from becoming homeless. There is also Spend to Save (Homelessness Prevention funding) that can be used to flexibly to prevent homelessness. Historically

Oldham has reported one of the highest returns in terms of preventing homelessness across Greater Manchester and a number of partners contribute towards this including FCHO, housing providers, Oldham CAB, supported accommodation providers and other services within the council. During 2016/17, 2046 households were prevented from becoming homeless by a range of means including mediation with family, legal advice, support to address housing benefit or rent problems or to access social housing before they become homeless.

A Pre-Eviction Protocol has been developed across housing providers to establish actions that they must take when they are seeking to evict including linking in with OHAS.

A number of events have taken place with colleagues in Department for Work and Pensions to raise awareness regarding homelessness issues amongst their staff, promote joint working and provide information regarding access to services to enable them to signpost people into services if they have concern that someone is at risk of homelessness.

Joint work is taking place with colleagues in mental health, substance misuse, offending and homelessness services regarding people with complex needs and to identify people who are homeless and also those who are in accommodation but might be at high risk of becoming homeless.

2.4 Ask the Chief Executive to write to the charities involved with the End Rough Sleeping Campaign to give the campaign this Council's support and to ask the campaign to register the Council as a supporter.

The Chief Executive has written to the charities as requested.

2.5 Ask the Chief Executive to write to our three Members of Parliament, urging them to support a range of action at a Government level.

The Chief Executive has written to the Members of Parliament as requested

- Support measures to tackle homelessness at a Greater Manchester level, including:

2.6 Supporting the Homelessness Action Network created by the Greater Manchester Mayor

The GM Homelessness Action Network was launched in July 2017. Staff from the council and some partner agencies attended this initial launch and committed to be involved with further work as this progresses.

2.7 Working together as ten boroughs, and using our devolved powers to collectively bring an end to homelessness as an urgent priority.

There are a number of ways in which Oldham is working with colleagues in the other GM authorities to prevent homelessness. The Principal Homelessness Strategy Officer attends and is an active participant in the GM Housing Needs Group which includes the strategic links to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)

work on homelessness. The GM Housing Needs Group meets bi-monthly but there is currently a lot of activity outside of these meetings to support the strategic commissioning of services and training required to implement the Homelessness Reduction Act. Bespoke training is to take place across the GM region and all staff working in homelessness services will be required to attend this.

The Senior Housing Needs Officer is also working with other GM authorities in respect of a number of housing sub-groups developing the processes, systems and paperwork required to implement the Homelessness Reduction Act.

Colleagues in First Choice Homes and other housing providers are also linking in at a GM level to develop responses to address homelessness. These include developing shared accommodation, Housing First and projects linking with health. The GM Housing Providers Group have published a number of pledges and the council is working with them to take these forward at a local level.

2.8 Ensuring that a revised Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), and the Oldham Local Plan, has appropriate and affordable housing as a core priority.

The GMSF is legislatively required to meet objectively assessed housing need and this means that the GMSF must address how GM will meet all housing need including Oldham's affordable housing needs in terms of its type, tenure and amount.

2.9 Ensure that Oldham Council, and our social housing and voluntary sector partners, are doing everything we can to contribute to ending homelessness by asking the Leader to bring a report to Council outlining how our local services are working to end homelessness in the Borough.

Report attached.

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Briefing Paper

Homelessness Prevention in Oldham

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8 November 2017

1.0 Background

At the council meeting on 13 September 2017 there followed a request that the Leader bring forward a report to Council outlining how local services are working to end homelessness in the Borough. This report provides information regarding the contribution that many agencies make towards homelessness prevention in Oldham.

2.0 Statutory reporting on Homelessness Prevention

Oldham Council are required to complete a statutory return (P1E) and formally report on a quarterly basis to the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on a range of indicators in respect of homelessness activity within the borough. One element of this return focusses on the prevention or relief of homelessness within Oldham. A prevention should only be recorded where it is anticipated that the intervention will prevent homelessness for at least 6 months.

Oldham Council is consistently one of the highest performers across Greater Manchester in this area of work and a number of agencies contribute to this indicator. **2046 households in Oldham had their homelessness prevented during 2016/17.** The cost of a single person sleeping rough in the UK for 12 months is estimated at £20,128¹. Homelessness also has a human cost. The distress of lacking a settled home can cause or intensify social isolation, create barriers to education, training and paid work and undermine mental and physical health. When homelessness becomes prolonged, or is repeatedly experienced, there are further deteriorations in health and well-being.

This work has therefore not just resulted in financial cost savings to the council, but also social cost savings to the households themselves who are able to remain in their

¹ Crisis – At what cost? 2015

accommodation or move in a planned way to new accommodation. This also has a positive impact in terms of community cohesion. There are significant social costs to any household in becoming homeless in terms of access to local services, health care and isolation from social or support networks.

As would be expected the main agency working to prevent homelessness is First Choice Homes Oldham (FCHO) but this is not just through the commissioned Oldham Housing and Advice Service (OHAS). The OHAS service worked to prevent homelessness for 513 households in 2016/17 whilst FCHOs Income Team, Tenancy Support Service and Tenancy Relations Service prevented homelessness for 207 households.

Colleagues within the council also contribute to this indicator particularly through the use of Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) where households may be at risk of eviction due to rent arrears or through the addition of target hardening works where households may be at risk of violence but want to stay within their property. These works such as additional security measures (e.g. locks, CCTV, alarms) are often done in conjunction with registered housing providers within their properties. Colleagues in social care may also contribute to the prevention of homelessness by securing access to accommodation through their own stock, for example, After Care services.

A number of voluntary or charitable agencies also contribute to the statutory recording of homelessness prevention. These agencies include Oldham Citizens Advice Bureau, KeyRing, Threshold and DePaul. In total they prevented 199 households from becoming homeless in 2016/17.

3.0 Interventions to prevent homelessness

In terms of the statutory reporting there are a range of interventions that have been put in place to prevent homelessness. The main prevention reasons are listed below (these are set by DCLG):

- Resolving Housing Benefit problems
- Resolving rent or service charge arrears in the social or private rented sector
- Negotiation or legal advocacy to ensure that someone can remain in accommodation in the private rented sector
- Financial payments from a homeless prevention fund
- Debt Advice
- Sanctuary Scheme – target hardening measures for domestic violence
- Family Mediation
- Conciliation including home visits for family/friend threatened exclusions
- Mortgage arrears interventions
- Crisis intervention - providing emergency support
- Providing other assistance that will enable someone to remain in accommodation in the private or social rented sector

The main reasons where homelessness is prevented or relieved as the household is supported to obtain alternative accommodation before becoming homeless through:

- Allocation of social housing
- Social housing – management move

- Access to private rented accommodation through use of a landlord incentive
- Access to private rented accommodation without use of a landlord incentive
- Accommodation arranged through friends
- Access to supported accommodation

In Oldham the main prevention reasons are:

- Resolving Housing Benefit problems
- Resolving rent or service charge arrears in the social or private rented sector
- Allocation of social housing
- Access to supported accommodation

4.0 Funding

4.1 The council receives **Preventing Homelessness Grant** funding on an annual basis. This is paid to the Council as part of the Revenue Support Grant. For 2017/18 Oldham Council has received £80,672.

During 2017/18 this funding is being used to fund the following services:

Oldham Reconnect (Young Person’s Mediation Service) £40,000

This service aims to resolve some of the issues which result in young people becoming homeless. Currently provided by De Paul UK and linked to the Young Persons Housing Pathway (funded by Health and Wellbeing) the service primarily receives referrals through the Oldham Housing and Advice Service (OHAS), Children’s Social Care, After Care, the Early Help Service and local colleges. A trained mediator works with young people and their families to negotiate a return home or a planned move into alternative accommodation.

This service was funded on a part time basis in 2016/17 and prevented 35 young people from becoming homeless. During 2016/17 this service received funding of £23,000 from Oldham Council in respect of Preventing Homelessness Grant. It is estimated (based on £1,558 or £11,733) per young person) that this could have cost the authority between £54,340 and £410,655.

This does not take into account the other costs, or risks associated with a young person becoming homeless. Young people who are homeless are also more likely to be vulnerable and at increasing risk of becoming involved in crime or being the victim of crime. It is widely acknowledged that there are clear links between homelessness and difficulties with substance or alcohol misuse and sexual exploitation.

Oldham Nightstop £15,000

This scheme works alongside Oldham Reconnect and can provide families with a ‘breathing space’ in which to work on their difficulties. The service aims to recruit local householders who have a spare room and are willing to provide accommodation and support for a short period (2-3 nights) to young people who have become homeless. The

service is currently provided by Depaul UK and links into their other support services for young people in Oldham including supported accommodation and supported lodgings.

Spend To Save

£20,000

This funding is allocated to First Choice Homes Oldham and can be used to fund any item that will prevent homelessness. Generally the maximum amount of any grant is £500 per households (although this may be increased where households have specific issues which would make it difficult to move them on from temporary accommodation). Homelessness has been prevented for 95 households through the innovative use of this fund during 2016/17. Furniture packages, key deposits and transport costs have been some of the examples of what the fund has been used for.

4.2 Where possible the council will seek additional funds to support homeless prevention work. Historically this has included through the Governments **Help for Single Homeless Fund** which we delivered in partnership with Groundwork Oldham. The council also worked in partnership with Depaul UK to submit a bid to the governments **Fair Chance Fund**. This was to support vulnerable young people at risk of homelessness in Oldham. The bid was successful and Depaul started taking referrals in 2015. Work is still ongoing but the programme is due to cease in December 2017.

4.3 Oldham Council worked in partnership with colleagues in Tameside and Stockport to secure funding from DCLG in respect of **victims of domestic abuse**. Funding was awarded and commissioning of services to deliver this is currently underway.

4.4 First Choice Homes also fund a number of services which contribute towards the homelessness prevention agenda. These include the **Disability Living Service** (one post is funded through the OHAS contract, FCHO fund a second post) where FCHO staff work in partnership with health professionals, including the Community Occupational Therapy Team, to advise customers, make adaptations where possible and to make best use of suitable housing. FCHO have also sought funding from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for their **Hospital to Home Service**. This service focusses on expediting discharge from hospital for households whose current accommodation is unsuitable.

5.0 Joint working arrangements

5.1 There is a strong commitment across many agencies to the prevention of homelessness in Oldham. To evidence this there are a number of formal and informal joint working arrangements in place in Oldham which support the homelessness prevention agenda. These include:

- Pre-Eviction Protocol – in place with registered housing providers and providers of supported accommodation. This protocol outlines the action that should be taken and referral pathways in place when possession action is being taken
- Young Persons Housing Protocol – in place with OHAS and After Care in respect of young people at risk of homelessness and care leavers
- Cold Weather Provision – in place with the council, OHAS, Threshold and DePaul UK in respect of the provision of accommodation and shelter during periods of cold weather to households who may be at risk of rough sleeping

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- Joint work with the police and council's First Response team in respect of providing an out of hours response to reports of people sleeping rough linking in with the OHAS service
 - Agreed referral arrangements in place with Serco to the OHAS in respect of households given a positive decision on their asylum application who will be required to vacate accommodation provided by the Home Office
 - Agreed referral arrangements in place with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to the OHAS in respect of households who may be homeless
 - Agreed referral arrangements to DWP from OHAS for homeless households who may have been sanctioned
 - The development of trusted partner status with a number of agencies working with young people (e.g. OHAS, Oldham CAB, Depaul UK, Threshold, Positive Steps Oldham, Oldham Council – After Care, Early Help) to verify that young people who are homeless meet the criteria to have housing costs paid through Universal Credit.
 - Staff working in Housing Strategy (Homelessness) link in with partner agencies representing groups who are particularly vulnerable to homelessness at a strategic level including Corporate Parenting Board, Reducing Reoffending Board, One Recovery Partnership Board and Youth Justice Main Board.
 - Joint work across the council (e.g. Community Safety, homelessness, Early Help, substance misuse services) in respect of households with Complex Dependencies (any combination of accommodation issues, mental ill health, substance misuse issues, history of offending)
 - Joint work with colleagues in Community Safety and registered housing providers in respect of households at risk of, or experiencing, domestic violence.
 - Joint work with colleagues in Exchequer Services in respect of access to Discretionary Housing Payment for households at risk of homelessness and also use of Local Welfare Provision funding.
 - Annual multi-agency training provided to a wide range of agencies by Oldham Citizens Advice Bureau in respect of Debt Advice to enable front line staff to provide low level debt advice to more people in Oldham or to know where to refer those with more complex issues.

5.2 Cross authority working

Officers from Oldham Council work with colleagues across Greater Manchester on a number of issues in relation to homelessness prevention. Most recently this has been in respect of the Trailblazer work and preparation for the new Homelessness Reduction Act. This includes joint commissioning of training and services. Cross authority bids have been submitted for funding including those referenced in 4.2 and 4.3 above.

The **Greater Manchester Housing Providers** are also working together and have made a number of pledges to support the GM Homelessness Charter. In Oldham these have been agreed by the **Oldham Housing Investment Partnership** (OHIP) members.

6.0 Homelessness Forum

There is an active Homelessness Forum in Oldham. This meets quarterly and includes representatives from a wide range of agencies including housing providers, supported housing providers, substance misuse services, health, DWP, Positive Steps Oldham,

Oldham College, Oldham Sixth Form, Greater Manchester Probation Service and support providers.

In terms of the charitable and faith sector this includes:

- Oldham CAB
- Action Together
- Oldham Foodbank
- Salvation Army
- Chadderton Community Church
- Christ Church Chadderton (Kings Kitchen – provider of meals and food parcels to vulnerable households)
- All Nations Church
- Church of the Nazarene
- Petrus
- Victim Support
- British Legion
- Red Cross
- Oldham Credit Union
- Groundwork
- Ancora Project

This list is not exhaustive and not all agencies attend the meetings regularly but they are kept updated through e-mail of any changes to services or issues that impact on people who may be at risk of homelessness in Oldham.

Over recent months council staff have met with a number of the faith groups (Salvation Army, Oldham Foodbank, Chadderton Community Church) and elected members (Cllrs Moores and Shuttleworth) to discuss the provision available within the borough for people who may be at risk of sleeping rough who are not eligible for statutory assistance or who do not engage with existing services. This work is ongoing.



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18 September 2017

Dear Dr Wilkins,

Thank you for your letter of 25 August, addressed to the Secretary of State, regarding children and young people's mental health. I am replying as the Minister of State for School Standards.

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people is a priority for the Government. On 9 January, the Prime Minister announced a series of measures to ensure they receive the support they need, including a Green Paper on children and young people's mental health by the end of the year. This will set out our plans to transform services in schools, universities and for families.

Schools have an important role to play in supporting the resilience and mental health of pupils. Good schools understand the relationship between positive mental health and attainment, and make it part of their ethos, alongside good teaching and strong pastoral support. Schools provide support for pupils' mental health, based on the particular needs of their pupils. This includes, lessons about dealing with exam stress and anxiety, interventions such as mindfulness and peer support, as well as offering counselling.

Early intervention to identify issues and provide effective support is crucial. The Government supports schools to promote mental wellbeing by funding the PSHE Association to publish guidance and age appropriate lesson plans on teaching about mental health issues. We have also funded the development of MindEd, a free online resource that allows all those working with children and young people to access information on a range of mental health issues.

Many secondary schools, and an increasing number of primary schools, provide their pupils access to counselling support. We have published a blueprint for school counselling services that provides schools with practical, evidence based advice on how to deliver high quality, school based counselling to all pupils. We have also recently launched a mental health first aid training programme for all secondary schools across the country, to help them identify and respond appropriately to early signs of mental health issues in children.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nick Gill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'N'.



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12 SEP 2017

Thank you for your letter of 25 August to Philip Dunne about mental health and wellbeing.

I fully recognise the concerns you raise. As we know that children and young people (CYP) are most susceptible to mental illness and most disorders originate in childhood, we must make mental health a priority in our classrooms and in our families.

That is why we are investing £1.4billion up to 2020 to improve mental health services for CYP. This includes £150million to develop evidence-based community eating disorder services for CYP and £1.25billion for improving CYP's mental health services overall.

We have committed to publishing a joint Health and Education Green Paper on the mental health of CYP by the end of this year. The Green Paper will move forward from the high-level challenges set out in *Future in mind*, the 2015 report of the CYP's Mental Health Taskforce. It will create some clear expectations about the changes every area should achieve to make progress towards a better-informed populace and a support system that is better at:

- preventing mental illness in CYP;
- raising awareness of CYP's mental health issues amongst young people and adults who support them, to increase help-seeking;
- supporting CYP with mental health issues within both clinical settings and the wider world; and
- providing the right treatment, at the right time, in the right place.

The Department of Health is working with the Department for Education to improve mental health awareness in schools, including implementing single points of contact for mental health and developing guidance and tools for children, teachers and parents. This also includes providing mental health first aid training to teachers in all secondary schools by 2019, enabling them to spot the signs and symptoms of mental health issues in young people and have the confidence to guide them to a place of support.

The Department for Education will be able to provide more details of this programme.

Thank you again for writing on this important topic.



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29 September 2017

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter regarding Oldham Council's debate on the 12th July about austerity and the subsequent resolution regarding their Opposition to Austerity. Please accept my apologies for my delay in response.

I am committed to ensuring Greater Manchester receives the appropriate level of funding and resource in order that it prospers and develops as a region.

Best wishes,
Andy

Andy Burnham
Mayor of Greater Manchester

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Report to Council

Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2017/18

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8 November 2017

Reason for Decision

It is a statutory duty of the Local Authority to produce an annual plan. The Youth Justice Strategic plan 2017/18(Appendix A) sets out the strategy for Oldham's Youth Justice Service (YJS) demonstrating how it will achieve its primary functions and key objectives.

Recommendations

That Council note the Strategic plan for 2017/18

Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2017/18

1 Background

The plan sets out how the YJS will achieve and deliver the primary functions and the key objectives over the next twelve month period.

The primary functions of the service are:

- Reduction in First Time Entrants (FTE) to the criminal justice system
- Reduction in Re-Offending following both pre and post court disposals
- Reduction in the use of Custody for offenders
- Effectively safeguard children and young people
- Effectively protect the public

2 Current Position

Oldham is one of ten YOTs in Greater Manchester within the North West region and is currently the only statutory YJS in England & Wales which is sub-contracted by the Local Authority and directly delivered by an independent charitable trust - Positive Steps (PS).

PS also provides an integrated range of targeted services, including: Information, Advice & Guidance services; an 'Early Help' offer aimed at preventing young people from entering the youth justice system; the Borough's teenage pregnancy strategy; a young people's substance misuse service; and the young carers' support service.

The Centre, through which all these services are delivered, also hosts a range of partner services including: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS); a generalist nurse and assistant practitioner team; counselling services; housing advocacy and mediation services and the After-care duty team from the Council's Children's Social Care.

The YJS is managed in an integrated way alongside other services to support children, young people and families within a Targeted Services Directorate at PS, the other services include:

- Oasis – Oldham's young people's substance misuse
- Family Focus Team, part of the Troubled Families strategy in Oldham
- IAG services for young people and adults
- Kickstart alternative curriculum support services
- Oldham Young carers
- NLP Consultant providing therapeutic support to clients across the services

The Service is overseen by the Youth Justice Management Board which includes representatives from the Local Authority and other statutory partners. The Board holds the service to account for achieving the performance targets, provides challenge where required and endorses the strategic direction and operational delivery of the service.

The YJS has a strong tradition of working effectively with partners across a range of forums accountable to both the Best Start in Life Partnership and CSCP. Quarterly Performance is reported directly into the Council Corvu system and monitored via the client relationship manager and commissioner.

The action plan is separated into two sections, one focussing on service delivery to achieve the outcomes and the second focussing on development which is costed.

The costed plan is a requirement of the Youth Justice Board (YJB) to reflect the decision made by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) that core funding for Youth Offending Teams must be provided by the local authority partnership. The grant provided by the MoJ via the YJB must only be used for development work. Costed Plans have to show detail of how the grant will be used to develop the provision for clients, staff and the service as a whole and has to be agreed by the YJB. All aspects have to be accounted for and an audit trail produced if requested.

3 Option

To note and approve the strategic delivery plan for 2017/18

4 Consultation

Consultation has taken place with key partners, the Youth Justice Management Board and the Youth Justice Board.

5 Financial Implications

N/A

6 Legal Services Comments

7 Co-operative Agenda

The plan aims to reduce the number of offending young people and has put significant preventative support and interventions in place within our local communities

8 Human Resources Comments

N/A

9 Risk Assessments

N/A

10 IT Implications

N/A

11 **Property Implications**

N/A

12 **Procurement Implications**

N/A

13 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**

N/A

14 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**

The whole focus of the Youth Justice plan is to reduce reoffending and put appropriate support measures and services in place to prevent young people coming into the criminal justice system.

15 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**

N/A

16 **Key Decision**

Yes

17 **Key Decision Reference**

18 **Background Papers**

None

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Appendix A – Youth Justice Strategic plan 2017/18



YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2017/18

July 2017



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2. PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

This plan seeks to inform the strategic direction of Oldham Youth Justice Service (YJS) in 2017/18 and outline how it will achieve its primary functions and the identified key objectives and developments.

The primary functions of the services are:

- The reduction in First Time Entrants (FTE) to the criminal justice system
- The reduction in Re-Offending following both pre and post court disposals
- The reduction in the use of Custody for offenders
- To effectively protect the public
- To effectively safeguard children and young people

3. INTRODUCTION (INCLUDING PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS)

Oldham is one of nine YOTs in Greater Manchester within the North West region. To the best of our knowledge, Oldham YJS is the only statutory YJS in England & Wales which is sub-contracted by the Local Authority and directly delivered by an independent charitable trust - Positive Steps (PS). PS also provides an integrated range of targeted services, including: Information, Advice & Guidance services; an 'Early Help' offer aimed at preventing young people from entering the youth justice system; the Borough's teenage pregnancy strategy; a young people's substance misuse service; sexual health services, missing from home return interviews and the young carers' support service. We also deliver a range of family based services. The Centre, through which all these services are delivered, also hosts a range of partner services including: Healthy Young Minds; a generalist nurse and assistant practitioner team; counselling services; housing advocacy and mediation services and the after-care duty team from the Council's Children's Social Care. Oldham is a medium-sized YJS, employing 28 staff and currently has 15 volunteers. The YJS is managed in an integrated way alongside other services to support children, young people and families within a Targeted Services Directorate at PS, the other services include:

- Integrated substance misuse and sexual health services delivered through the OASIS and Brook partnership
- Early Help
- CGSS for young people and adults
- Oldham Young carers
- Missing from Home Return Interview Service
- NLP Consultant providing therapeutic support to clients across the services
- Healthy Schools

- Teenage Pregnancy and Sexual Health Strategy

In addition to our directly-employed staff the YJS benefits from a seconded police officer and a Healthy Young Minds specialist. Bridgewater provide a health professional who assesses all YJS clients and provides direct medical support or referral where needed. The Probation service seconds one full time officer. We employ a Volunteer Coordinator within Positive Steps and within the YJS have a strong volunteer workforce which contributes, in the main, to the work the service undertakes with young people subject to Reparation and Referral Orders.

The Service is overseen by the Youth Justice Management Board which includes representatives from the Local Authority and other statutory partners. The Board holds the service to account for achieving the performance targets, provides challenge where required and endorses the strategic direction and operational delivery of the service.

The YJS has a strong tradition of working effectively with partners at a range of forums including:

- Oldham's Best Start in Life Board (Sub group of Health and Wellbeing)
- Greater Manchester Youth Justice University Partnership (GMYJUP)
- Community Safety and Cohesion Partnership (CSCP)
- Local Safeguarding Children Board including the following sub groups:
 - Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing
 - Peer on Peer Abuse
 - Serious Case Review
 - Audit and Scrutiny
 - Policy and procedure
- One Recovery
- Reducing reoffending board
- Children's Social Care Resource Panel
- Corporate parenting panel
- Integrated Offender Management Steering Group
- Greater Manchester Youth Justice Strategic Managers
- North West Resettlement Consortium

2017/18 has seen continued developments in wider policy and governance. Greater Manchester has seen emerging change through the GM Children's Service Review. This work is a reflection of the devolution of power to Greater Manchester in key policy areas, including criminal justice. Oldham continues to work with all key GM decision makers and stakeholders to ensure the quality of local provision is maintained and improved.

4. POSITIVE STEPS (PS)

As an independent charitable trust, Positive Steps Oldham (PS) is unique in England in the way it provides an integrated range of targeted support services for young people. Its charitable objectives are:

The objects for which the Company is established ("**Objects**") are:

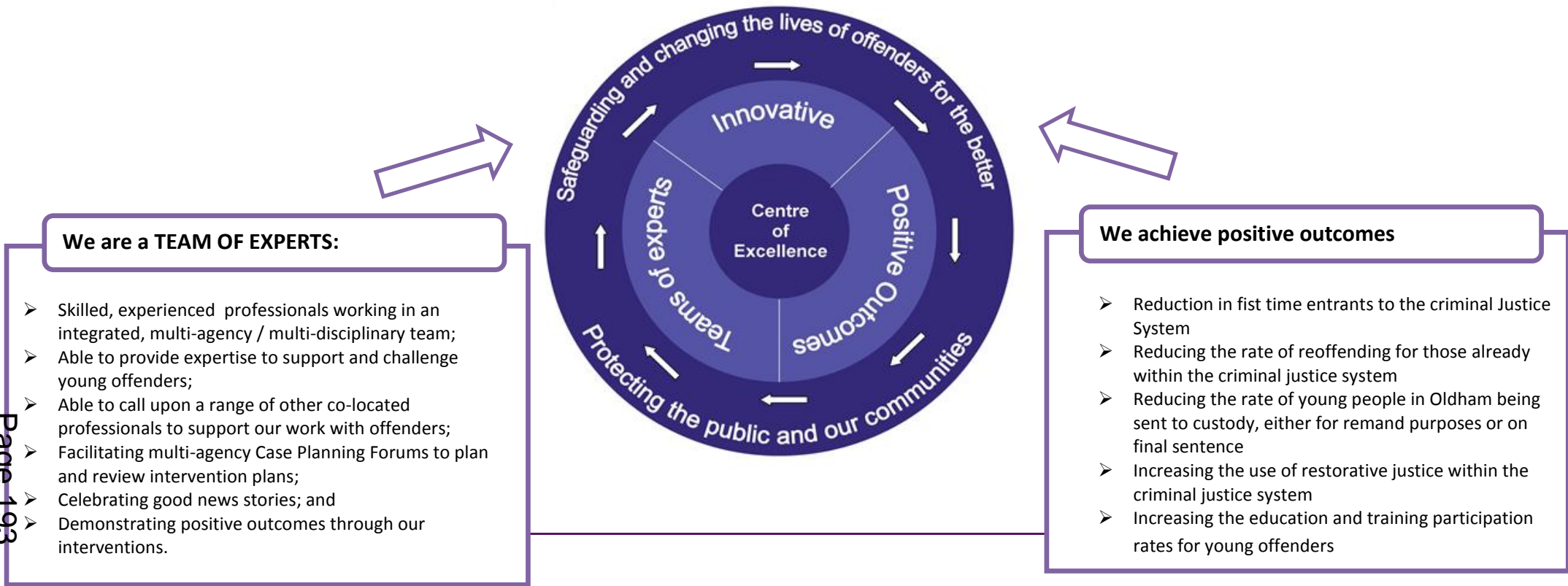
1. to advance the education and training of young people in order to prepare them for working and adult life;
2. the relief of unemployment for the public benefit in such ways as may be thought fits, including providing assistance to find employment;
3. the provision of recreational facilities for young people in the interests of social welfare;
4. the promotion of public safety;
5. the prevention of crime and the rehabilitation of young offenders;
6. advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
7. the relief of sickness and the preservation of health among people residing permanently or temporarily in such locations as the Company is commissioned to deliver services;
8. the provision of support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals;
9. to assist in the treatment and care of persons suffering mental or physical illness arising from substance abuse or in need of rehabilitation as a result of such illness.

Oldham YJS Vision

We use evidence-based practice but also INNOVATE in our approach:

- Identifying what can be done more efficiently or effectively;
- Creating opportunities for learning from new ways of working both internally and externally;
- Believing that we can find the solutions; but if what we need doesn't exist, we will create it;
- Not being afraid to do something differently – if what we normally do doesn't work it has to change; and
- Extending our boundaries and embracing new thinking.





The YJS is overseen by a Youth Justice Management Board which reports to both the Children’s Trust and the Community Safety and Cohesion Partnership. Quarterly meetings are held to hold the service to account and performance monitoring is well embedded within these meetings. Performance monitoring includes ensuring that terms and conditions set out in the YJB grant are maintained. The board is active and represents statutory partners but also the wider partnership essential to overcome barriers to multi agency working. The PS CEO is vice-chair of the Children’s Trust Executive and the YJS Director is the CSCP Priority lead for young people.

Positive Steps Oldham – Board of Trustees

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 Chair
Mrs Julie Edmondson
 Vice Chair
 (Community Representative)
Sam Breckell

DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES
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Cllr Joy Wrigglesworth

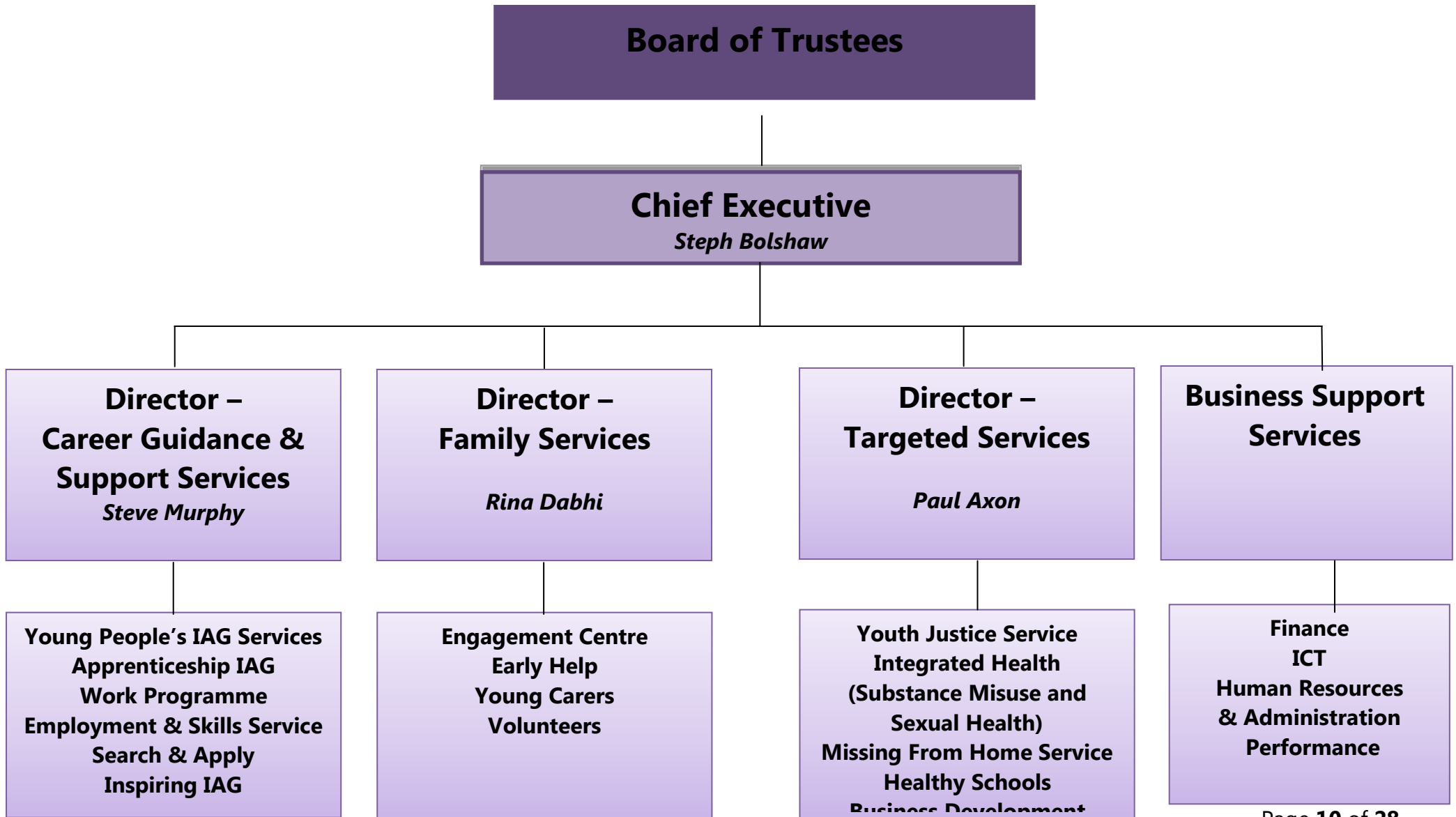
6. OLDHAM YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE - MEMBERSHIP OF YOUTH JUSTICE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Name	Job title	Organisation
Jill Beaumont (Chair)	Director, Early Help and Social Care	Council
Steph Bolshaw	Chief Executive	Positive Steps
Paul Axon	Director (Head of YJS)	Positive Steps

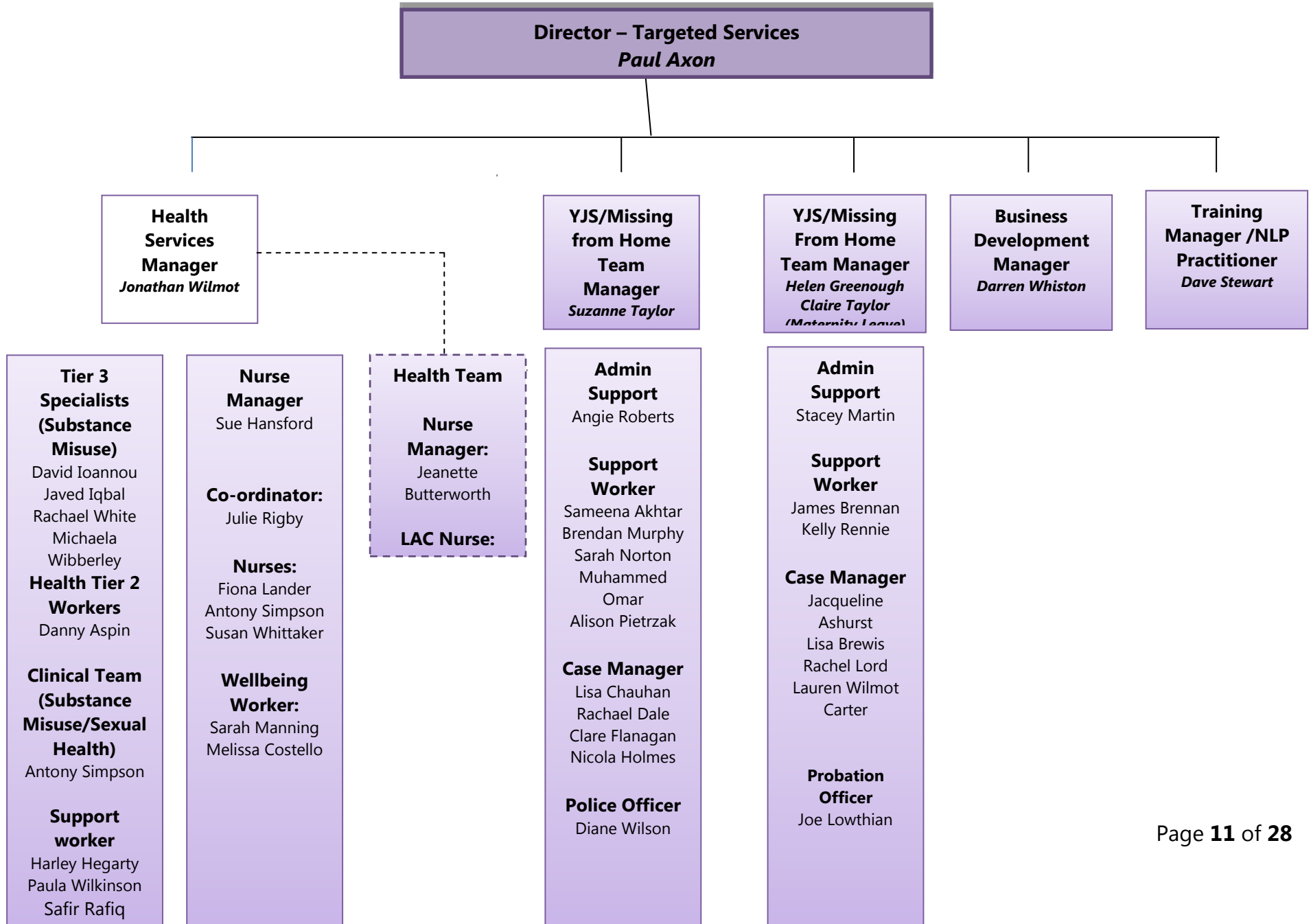
Ann Marie McGinn	Supported Housing Project Manager, Housing Strategy	Council
Nisha Bakshi	Assistant Chief Executive	Probation Service
Daniel Inglis	District Superintendent	Greater Manchester Police
Kay O Sullivan	Legal Advisor	Oldham Magistrates Court
Siobhan Ebden	Clinical Network Manager	Community Health Services
Gill Barnard/Julia Taylor	Commissioning Manager	Clinical Commissioning Group
Patsy Burrows	Head of Service for Looked After Children and Children with Additional Needs	Children's Social Care
Father, David Hawthorn	Member of Voluntary Sector Hub	Voluntary Sector

7. OVERALL STRUCTURE

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8. TARGETED SERVICES (INCLUDING YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE)



9. PERFORMANCE REPORT

Performance reports based on the key objectives are provided quarterly to the YJMB and then on to the Children's Trust and Community Safety and Cohesion Partnership. Reports are also made to the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). These reports are used within the YJS Management Team and are shared across staff teams.

The three main indicators are:

- Number of First Time Entrants
- Re-offending rates
- Custody rates

In addition to the National data set a number of measures are also collected locally for monitoring purposes, included in this plan are the ETE and LAC data which are only monitored locally.

We also produce local 'caseload management' and 'data checking' reports to help Managers and staff to ensure that data accuracy and client contact standards are maintained.

10. FIRST TIME ENTRANTS

First Time Entrants (FTEs) are classified as young people, resident in England and Wales, who received their first youth caution, youth conditional caution or court conviction, based on data recorded by the Police National Computer (PNC). Nationally the Youth Justice Board utilises Police National Computer (PNC) data linked to the offenders' postcodes to report retrospectively on each YOTs performance on a rolling 12 month basis. The indicator measures the rate of first time entrants to the criminal justice system per 100,000 of 10 to 17 year olds.

FTE PNC rate per 100,000 of 10-17 population **Good performance is typified by a negative percentage	Oldham	North West	Greater Manchester	YOT comparison group selected*	England
Jan 16 - Dec 16 (latest period)	346	294	337	261	327
Jan 15 - Dec 15	376	340	388	347	373
percent change from selected baseline	-8.1%	-13.6%	-13.0%	-24.9%	-12.2%
FTE PNC rate per 100,000 of 10-17 population **Good performance is typified by a negative percentage	Oldham	North West	Greater Manchester	YOT comparison group selected*	England
Jan 15 - Dec 15	368	336	381	348	369
Jan 14 - Dec 14	474	402	448	361	413
percent change from selected baseline	-22.4%	-16.4%	-15.0%	-3.6%	-10.8%
FTE PNC rate per 100,000 of 10-17 population **Good performance is typified by a negative percentage	Oldham	North West	Greater Manchester	YOT comparison group selected*	England
Jan 14 - Dec 14	458	392	434	400	409
Jan 13 - Dec 13	507	433	463	430	448
percent change from selected baseline	-9.60%	-9.30%	-6.30%	-7.00%	-8.70%

Significant work has been allocated to strengthening referral systems with the Police and we now have a full time officer who devotes much time to ensuring the any referral from Police for pre court or preventative disposals are accurate and meaningful. Oldham continues to maintain a strong early help prevention focus and is now moving to incorporate the early help assessments within delivery.

11. RATE OF RE-OFFENDING

Nationally the rate of reoffending amongst young people is measured using data from the Police National Computer (PNC). All young people who have received a caution, court conviction (other than custody) or have been released from custody are tracked for a 12 month period. Any further offences over the next 12 months which lead to a court conviction will constitute a 'proven re-offence' and be counted in the reoffending measure.

The rate of reoffending is presented in two ways:

A **frequency** measure of offending - the average number of re-offences per 100 young people.

A **binary** measure of reoffending - a count of the number of young people who re-offend.

Frequency rate

Latest PNC results show that Oldham has seen a decline in performance, relating to the frequency of reoffending. We are closely aligned to our comparison group but above regional and local comparators.

This increase is the result of a highly complex and increasingly challenging cohort of offenders who are entrenched in cycles of offending. The huge overall reductions in young people offending have left an extremely challenging cohort and we are seeing local evidence that although the number of offences and offenders overall is continuing to drop steeply, offences committed by a small group of complex reoffenders is rising.

Reoffending - frequency rate	Oldham	North West	Greater Manchester	YOT family comparison group	England
frequency rate - Jul 14 - Jun 15 cohort (latest period)	1.54	1.46	1.41	1.51	1.26
frequency rate - Jul 13 - Jun 14 cohort	1.43	1.37	1.38	1.41	1.18
change from selected baseline	7.7%	6.2%	2.5%	7.0%	6.4%
Reoffending - frequency rate per reoffender	Oldham	North West	Greater Manchester	YOT family comparison group	England
frequency rate - Jul 13 - Jun 14 cohort	1.43	1.37	1.38	1.45	1.18
frequency rate - Jul 12 - Jun 13 cohort	1.20	1.26	1.25	1.17	1.10
change from selected baseline	18.9%	8.9%	10.5%	23.8%	7.1%
Reoffending - frequency rate	Oldham	North West	Greater Manchester	YOT family comparison group	England
frequency rate - Jul 12 - Jun 13 cohort	1.2	1.26	1.25	1.21	1.1
frequency rate - Jul 11 - Jun 12 cohort	0.99	1.22	1.27	1.22	1.02
change from selected baseline	0.21	0.05	-0.02	-0.01	0.09

Binary measure

Since the publication of PNC results started, Oldham has consistently had lower levels of reoffending compared to YOTs in our family group and the north-west. Latest reoffending binary rates shows that Oldham has continued to outperform other YOTs at both a local and national level successfully limiting the number of young people going on to reoffend following a conviction.

Reoffending - binary rate	Oldham	North West	Greater Manchester	YOT family comparison group	England
binary rate - Jul 14 - Jun15 cohort (latest period)	32.4%	40.0%	38.6%	40.8%	37.7%
binary rate - Jul 13 - Jun 14 cohort	39.2%	40.0%	38.1%	40.1%	37.7%
percentage point change from selected baseline	-6.9%	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%	0.0%
Reoffending - binary rate	Oldham	North West	Greater Manchester	YOT family comparison group	England
binary rate - Jul 13 - Jun 14 cohort	39.2%	40.0%	38.1%	40.6%	37.7%
binary rate - Jul 12 - Jun 13 cohort	33.2%	38.4%	38.9%	37.1%	36.5%
percentage point change from selected baseline	6.0%	1.6%	-0.8%	3.5%	1.2%
Reoffending - binary rate	Oldham	North West	Greater Manchester	YOT family comparison group	England
binary rate - Jul12 - Jun 13 cohort	33.20%	38.40%	38.90%	37.30%	36.50%
binary rate - Jul 11 - Jun 12 cohort	33.80%	39.00%	38.60%	38.40%	35.30%
percentage point change from selected baseline	-0.60%	-0.70%	0.30%	-0.10%	1.20%

12. YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVING A CONVICTION IN COURT WHO ARE SENTENCED TO CUSTODY

The custody indicator measures the number of young people given a custodial sentence in a rolling 12 month period and is presented as a rate per 1,000 of the general 10–17 year old population. Nationally the data is collated through the Youth Justice Management Information System (YJMIS) with comparative data available from across all English YOTS.

The table below shows annual custody rates over the last three years. Oldham has a higher rate of custody than comparators and this is an area of concern to maintain focus on in 17/18. In particular we have seen a rise in young people entering the criminal justice system with offences that resulted in custody. This has meant that prior to this sentence no work had been undertaken by YJS. This underlines the need to maintain a targeted and focussed preventative offer and utilise all forms of intelligence available to work with young people exhibiting risky behaviours.

Use of custody rate per 1,000 of 10 -17 population - Good performance is typified by a low rate	Oldham	North West	Greater Manchester	YOT family comparison group	England
Apr 16 - Mar 17 (latest period)	0.73	0.48	0.59	0.39	0.37
Apr 15- Mar 16	0.65	0.61	0.69	0.58	0.41
change from selected baseline	0.08	-0.13	-0.10	-0.19	-0.05
Use of custody rate per 1,000 of 10 -17 population -Good performance is typified by a low rate	Oldham	North West	Greater Manchester	YOT family comparison group	England
Apr 15 - Mar 16	0.65	0.50	0.52	0.32	0.37
Apr 14 - Mar 15	0.57	0.63	0.76	0.47	0.44
change from selected baseline	0.08	-0.13	-0.24	-0.15	-0.07
Use of custody rate per 1,000 of 10 -17 population -Good performance is typified by a low rate	Oldham	North West	Greater Manchester	YOT family comparison group	England
Apr 14 - Mar 15	0.57	0.61	0.74	0.44	0.42
Apr 13 - Mar 14	0.53	0.66	0.77	0.61	0.52
change from selected baseline	0.04	-0.06	-0.03	-0.17	-0.10

13. ENGAGEMENT OF YOUNG OFFENDERS IN SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING (ETE)

The YJS has a statutory obligation to record whether young people completing community and custodial orders are actively engaged in suitable employment, education or training when their order comes to an end. Oldham YJS use this information to inform a local measure of young offender's engagement in ETE. Results are extracted using the local case management system (IYSS). Although ETE case data is also submitted centrally to the Youth Justice Management Information System (YJMIS), the Youth Justice Board does not yet offer comparative ETE data at a national level.

This is an important indicator in measuring the impact of the YJS and partner interventions when young people reach the end of their court order. The employment, education and training “pathway” alongside accommodation, access to health services, engagement programmes etc. is at the heart of YJS delivery. Having the YJS co-located with the Young Peoples Advice & Guidance Service has proven highly effective and enables the service to continue to maintain performance that approaches the extremely challenging 80% target.

Percentage of young people working with YJS who are in suitable ETE				
2016/17	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Target	80%	80%	80%	80%
Total (cumulative total)	80.37	80.11	81.10	82.80

14. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE.

The YJS measure the number of young people who have been continuously looked after for a 12 month period and during this time have committed an offence resulting in a court outcome or caution. The results are measured using a rolling 12 month total and presented quarterly. During 2017/18 Oldham YJS had the target for this measure reduced from 7% to a challenging 5%. This is an ambitious target and hasn't been reached in 16/17, although we feel it is right to maintain the ambition due to the nature of the cohort and impact this reduction could have across the partnership.

Percentage of looked after children cautioned or convicted				
2016/17	Quarter 1 (Jul 15 - Jun 16)	Quarter 2 (Oct 15 - Sep 16)	Quarter 3 (Jan 16 - Dec 16)	Quarter 4 (Apr 16 - Mar 17)
Target	5%	5%	5%	5%
Percentage over rolling 12 month periods	5.20	5.80	5.73	6.35

15. KEY DEVELOPMENTS, RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Work continues to concentrate on key areas of practice to reduce reoffending. In particular the service has developed a range of interventions and approaches that try to see beyond the 'presenting issue' and tackling the root causes of the behaviour. These include:

- **Neglect Toolkit:**

It has become clear that a core issue relating to offending is neglect of children and young people. Staff have been trained in a relatively simple assessment tool to highlight signs of neglect and help facilitate pathways into relevant social care support, or at lower levels to work with families around the issue

- **Trauma Checklist:**

Similarly Trauma is also a key characteristic of many young people's offending behaviour. There is a growing recognition that the complexity of the caseload has been rising, with heightened need relating to trauma. The trauma checklist is an evidence based tool use to identify young people's issues and highlight needs. We have worked in partnership with children's social care and healthy young minds to train staff in its use and highlight key issues. The tool as acts as leverage when referring to further specialist agency support. The pilot phase of the tool is now drawing to a close so there is some risk that this won't be available on an ongoing basis.

- **Communicate:**

The communicate project works to ensure that young people are assessed and receive interventions relating to literacy and communication skills. The programme has now been in progress for 2 years and is a key element of our offer to tackle the contributory

factors of reoffending. Young people who may have missed key elements of education are trained in an accessible, targeted format to rapidly improve the core elements of communication.

- **Speech and Language:**

Through a partnership with a Manchester University PhD student, practitioners have access to support and consultation relating to SALT issues. This has been an excellent resource to further understand need and enable pathways of support. Unfortunately the pilot has now come to an end and we are looking at potential ways to continue with this support

We have also this year purchased resources from 'clear cut' communication. This was in recognition of the issues, particularly relating to court, for all young people, but especially those with SALT issues, in understanding the processes they are subject to.

- **Evidence based practice**

Oldham has led developments relating to evidence in practice. This year has seen the continuation of the ground breaking Knowledge Transfer Partnership. The KTP is hosted by Positive Steps, working across Greater Manchester to embed evidence based practice and create innovation in youth justice.

- Oldham continues to work towards preventing and reducing risks relating to extremism. The Head of the YJS is a member of the Prevent steering group and panel assessing risks presented and developing partnership strategies. These include specific intervention packages such as the 'challenge cards' used to encourage courageous conversations between staff in schools and other settings and young people. Several training packages have been delivered and staff within the YJS are skilled in using these approaches.
- The YJS is well embedded within the wider framework of local social policy. Positive Steps is commissioned to deliver the boroughs Early Help strategy and this is evidenced in our approach. Staff have received training in early help assessments and where relevant can undertake these assessments with young people and families. We have found this particularly helpful in the work with prevention. This work should allow us to prevent first time entrants, early within a young person's potential escalation.

- Oldham have continued to be fully involved in the devolution agenda and subsequent review of youth justice, both nationally and within Greater Manchester. Oldham is leading in three areas of the review; resettlement, the development of evidence based practice/innovation and the safeguarding of young people in Wetherby YOI. As with all devolution and governance transitions, there is a risk that local delivery (and performance) will be compromised, however we are working hard to engage with the agenda to mitigate these risks.
- We have worked collectively with the Oldham partnership to develop a set of interventions, under the umbrella of 'Which Way' that seek to target those within complex safeguarding cohorts and create preventative pathways away from these harmful behaviours. The approach was showcased at the Youth Justice Convention, with the chair of the board recognising Oldham's innovative approach
- There remain funding risks relating to delivery of youth justice in Oldham. Partnership contributions has gradually reduced throughout the life of the service and the supporting services have also had reduced resource to deliver. This is particularly acute in relation to prevention activity with a clear trend of demand outstripping the resource available. We continue to work with partners in early help to support pathways into other services however this is the clearest risk for continued sustained performance.

16. YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE BUDGET 2017/18

Agency	Staffing costs (£)	Payments in kind – revenue (£)	Other delegated funds (£)	Total (£)
Local authority*			<i>635,657</i>	<i>635,657</i>
Police Service				

National Probation Service			5,000	5,000
Health Service				
Police and crime commissioner**			46,478	46,478
Welsh Government				
YJB Youth Justice Grant (YRO Unpaid Work Order is included in this grant)			467,033	467,033
Other***			28,864	28,864
Total			1,183,032	1,183,032

* For multi-authority YOTs, the totality of local authority contributions should be described as one figure.

** Any money from the police and crime commissioner that has been routed through a local crime reduction partnership should be included here.

*** It should be noted that the 'Other' category is for additional funding that the YOT can use for any general youth justice activities. Accordingly, funding such as the YJB Grant for Junior Attendance Centres should not be included as there is an expectation that these streams must be used for the delivery of services as intended, only when this has been achieved can any surplus be reinvested within wider YOT service delivery.

17. RESOURCING AND VALUE FOR MONEY (ALSO SEE APPENDIX 1)

The complexities of YJS funding streams, which identify resources for specific groups of clients, have both enabled us to target resources towards clients with the greatest need, but also allowed us some flexibility with individual specialisms to enable a wider group of young people to benefit from enhanced provision.

Oldham YJS, being part of an integrated targeted services delivery model, benefits from increased value for money from many of the co-located service areas.

All organisations face the continuing challenge of maximising resources and demonstrating value for money to funders and commissioners – Positive Steps is no different. The complexities of the funding streams have both enabled us to target resources towards clients with the greatest needs whilst still allowing flexibility to ensure wider groups of clients benefit from enhanced provision. Value for money is a significant benefit of the integrated service delivery model with a wide range of co-located services enabling practitioners to provide a high quality multi-faceted service to clients. We benefit from having an internal Business Support Team providing a cost effective, timely and high quality support service across the organisation.

We've provided added value to local authorities in supporting service integration and collaboration, across all three LA areas and maintained charges to schools and colleges for traded services rather than increasing them. Additionally we have been able to be creative in how we use resources when we've been required to provide cover.

The Youth Justice Service has been effective in 2016/17 in gaining support from the academic community to support delivery. The project with Manchester University to develop SALT consultation models for staff has been a welcome addition to improve assessments and plans. Similarly we have developed partnerships with researchers in trauma to access support through a pilot programme to get better understandings of underlying factors in offending behaviour. Both of these partnerships have been accessed at no cost to the service.

The successful Positive Steps Volunteer Strategy demonstrates value for money and offers opportunities for increased integration and mutual benefits across services. For example, the Volunteers Team provided development volunteering opportunities for clients on Family Support programme and have had 17 clients referred to the volunteering team from Positive Steps. We have had a number of clients who have gained employment who have said the volunteering experience has helped them to achieve this.

Targeted Services provides a unique service delivery model, based on the integration of statutory and voluntary support services for young people. The delivery model allows young people to seamlessly access a range of services through a one stop shop approach and creates considerable efficiencies as a result. The most recent area for development is the newly commissioned integrated substance misuse/sexual health services. Significant efficiencies have been found by integrating these inter dependant services and the model of developing integration should have potential further cost benefits.

Within the workforce, 21 are female, 7 male and of those three are from the BME community. All three would identify themselves as British Asian. Within the staff 14 have received Restorative training, although we estimate that 5 are in need of refresher courses. Of panel volunteers all eight have received training.

18. SERVICE PRIORITIES FOR 2017/18

- a) Further reduction in first time entrants;
- b) Focussing resource on 'early help' young people who are entering the CJS at high sentencing tariffs;
- c) Reduction in re-offending;
- d) Particular focus on the reduction in use of custody and remand, given performance. As part of this we are working with the local authority, through th Children's Assurance Group, to identify young people subject to custodial sentence over the preceding 12 months and developing a partnership approach to preventing this trend;
- e) Expanding the communicate project to improve literacy and communication
- f) Developing the missing from home provision and ensuring YJS cohorts benefit from this offer
- g) Increasing RJ, reparation and victim work;
- h) Girls and young women;
- i) Resettlement and Positive Progression;
- j) Volunteers;
- k) Focus on LAC cohort – ensuring junior RJ scheme is making a difference

Name of Chair	Role	Date	Signature
Jill Beaumont	Director: Early Help and Social Care		

Appendix 1

**Oldham Youth Justice Service –
Developing Good Practice Grant Costed Plan - 2017/18**

Activity	Outcome Supported	Developing Good Practice	Costs
Strategic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in FTE • Reduction in Re-Offending • Reduction in Custody • Effective Public Protection • Effective Safeguarding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice and Rehabilitation • Troubled families / Complex Dependence • Greater Manchester Youth Justice Service Managers • Manchester Metropolitan University Strategic Partnership • Knowledge Transfer Partnership • Unpaid Work • CSE DV Perpetrator work • Partnership response to relationship violence • Local Safeguarding Children Board and sub-groups • Community Safety and Cohesion Partnership • Development of Oldham wide pre-court diversion scheme (Youth Restorative Intervention) • PACE and joint work with Police and CSC • GM Strategic Managers and Operational Managers Annual conference • GM Resettlement Lead • Junior and volunteer RJ schemes • Volunteer Coordination Strategy • Development work with partners • Youth Justice Convention • YJB Service Managers Conference 	<p style="text-align: center;">£92,609</p>

Activity	Outcome Supported	Developing Good Practice	Costs
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at other relevant conferences Development of the YJS Early Help Offer linked to LASPO 	
Management time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervision and support Annual Appraisal Links to IOM and ICO Panel development, training and support Oversight of Knowledge Transfer Partnership and GMYJUP Volunteer coordination and supervision Development and delivery of internal training programme Service response to GM developments Recruitment and training staff and volunteers Induction development and delivery Development of therapeutic interventions Management support to students 	£68,333
Practitioner time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing practice around early help IOM Review and changing ways of working GM Peer Review Neglect toolkit delivery Trauma checklist delivery SALT consultation Continued development of wrap-around court services Implementing court changes Continuous development of resettlement support 	£283,849
Information Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring system performance and providing reports Working with YJS Managers to understand the MI to improve practice Submission of statutory returns Guidance on data protection issues 	£16,672

Activity	Outcome Supported	Developing Good Practice	Costs
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOI requests 	
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff 6 days training per year Management supervision training Training for using Rapid English Training around Complex Dependency Trauma training Neglect toolkit training Early Help family Engagement Training Continued attendance at relevant LSCB training QA Training for Managers On-going Safeguarding training Management Development Programme 	£5,070
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HR Support Subscriptions and publications 	£500
Total			£467,033



Report to COUNCIL

Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries – response to the Boundary Commission Consultation

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8 November 2017

1. Background

- 1.1 In 2016, the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) announced the start of a review of Parliamentary constituencies. Further to initial proposals issued by BCE, the Council agreed a response at its meeting on 9 November 2016. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The response was to submit an alternative proposal with two constituencies comprising all Council wards. The detail of the proposal is contained at paragraph 2.4 of the report. The response also highlighted the concern in separating the two Royton wards and splitting Saddleworth West and Lees from Saddleworth North and Saddleworth South wards.
- 1.3 The Council has recently received the 'Revised proposals for the new constituency boundaries in the North West'. A copy is attached at Appendix 2. The consultation period for responses to the revised proposals closes on 11 December 2017.
- 1.4 To summarise the position, the proposals are for the Oldham wards to be placed into constituencies as follows:
 - a) A proposed new Littleborough and Saddleworth constituency. This will include five Rochdale wards and five Oldham wards.

- b) A proposed, newly named, Oldham constituency comprising eight Oldham wards and taking Moston from Manchester City Council.
- c) A proposed new Failsworth and Droylsden constituency of seven Oldham wards and three Tameside wards.

Constituency	Ward	Local Authority	Electorate
Littleborough and Saddleworth	Crompton	Oldham	8,064
	Saddleworth North	Oldham	7,651
	Saddleworth South	Oldham	8,030
	Saddleworth West and Lees	Oldham	8,246
	Shaw	Oldham	7,388
	Balderstone and Kirkholt	Rochdale	6,636
	Littleborough Lakeside	Rochdale	7,410
	Milnrow and Newhey	Rochdale	7,582
	Smallbridge and Firgrove	Rochdale	7,344
Wardle and West Littleborough	Rochdale	7,362	
Constituency	Ward	Local Authority	Electorate
Oldham	Moston	Manchester	11,166
	Chadderton Central	Oldham	7,782
	Chadderton North	Oldham	8,114
	Vhadderton South	Oldham	7,509
	Coldhurst	Oldham	7,993
	Royton North	Oldham	7,736
	Royton South	Oldham	8,105
	St James	Oldham	7,556
	Waterhead	Oldham	7,924
Constituency	Ward	Local Authority	Electorate
Failsworth and Droylsden	Alexandra	Oldham	6,212
	Failsworth East	Oldham	7,687
	Failsworth West	Oldham	7,386
	Holinwood	Oldham	7,171
	Medlock Vale	Oldham	7,845
	St Mary's	Oldham	8,151
	Werneth	Oldham	7,261
	Audenshaw	Tameside	9,165
	Droylsden East	Tameside	8,705
Droylsden West	Tameside	8,824	

1.5 Whilst it is welcomed that the revised proposals retain both Royton wards in the same constituency and the three Saddleworth wards in the same constituency, it is still considered that there are considerable merits in the alternative proposal as agreed by Council in November 2016. It is, therefore, proposed that the response by Council reiterates the Council's preferred position as agreed previously. It is acknowledged that councilors may make individual representations on the proposals in addition to those made by the Council.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That Council reiterates the alternative proposal as outlined in paragraph 2.4 of the report of the 9 November 2016.

3. Background Papers

Revised Proposals for New Constituency Boundaries in the North West as detailed at Appendix 2.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Council Report 9th November 2017 - 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – Response to the Boundary Commission Consultation.

Appendix 2 - Revised Proposals for New Constituency Boundaries in the North West.

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Report to COUNCIL

2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – Response to the Boundary Commission Consultation

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9 November 2016

Reason for Decision

An alternative option is proposed as a submission in response to the Boundary Commission for England to inform their consultation on the review of Parliamentary Constituencies.

Executive Summary

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) announced the start of a review of the Parliamentary constituencies in England. The BCE is required to report to Parliament in September 2018. The BCE have published details of the process that the 2018 Review will follow including the public hearings to be conducted in the autumn.

The BCE have published the Guide for the review which is attached as Appendix 1.

Since the last review, the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 has been introduced. There is now required to be a fixed number of 600 constituencies for the whole of the UK. Currently there are 650 constituencies. The number of constituencies allocated to England for 2018 review is 501. The North West has been allocated 68. Currently, it has 75 constituencies.

Every constituency in England must have an electorate as the review date that is no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507. Currently, the Oldham West and Royton constituency is 71,377 and Oldham East and Saddleworth is 71,057. There are 15,390 electors in the Failsworth East and Failsworth West local government wards in the Ashton-under-Lyne Parliamentary constituency. Full detail on the rules for redistribution of seats is contained in Appendix D of the Guide.

The process:

- a) The BCE published proposals in September 2016 for consultation.
- b) The 2018 Review is being carried out under a new procedure that relies on a combination of written representation and oral representation at public hearings. The hearings are not inquiries. There will be 5 hearings in the North West between mid-October and mid-November 2016.
- c) There will be a 12 week consultation on the BCE's initial proposals. At the end of this period, the BCE will publish representations made and there will be a further 4 week period during which people can submit comments on the representations.
- d) The BCE will then issue a report on each region. If the proposals are revised from the initial proposals, there will be an 8 week period for written representations.
- e) The BCE submits a formal written report to the Government. Parliament then considers implementation.

Recommendations

That Council considers the alternative options as set out in the report.

2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – Response to the Boundary Commission Consultation

1 Background

- 1.1 Oldham Council is opposed to the current proposals set out in the Boundary Commission for England's (BCE) consultation documentation for the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries.
- 1.2 We believe that in drawing up the proposed boundaries the BCE has not taken account of its own guidance as set out in the "*Guide to the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies*".
- 1.3 "According to Rule 5, Schedule 2, the BCE may take the following factors into account when establishing a new map of constituencies:
- Geographical considerations which include size, shape and accessibility of constituencies
 - Local government boundaries as they existed on May 2015
 - Boundaries of existing constituencies
 - Local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies"
- 1.4 It is our view that the BCE has not taken any of these factors into account in the current proposals, as they apply to the twenty wards that make up Oldham Metropolitan Borough.
- There are significant geographical issues in the Boundary Commissions proposals for constituencies containing Oldham wards.
 - The proposals put the Oldham wards into three constituencies alongside wards from within a total of four Local Government Boundaries.
 - The proposals depart drastically from the boundaries of the existing constituencies of Oldham West and Royton and Oldham East and Saddleworth.
 - The proposals break strong community ties that exist within the existing constituencies.
- 1.5 It is clear that the aim of retaining existing constituencies where possible has not been well met in the North West with just 19% of constituencies remaining unchanged. This is most apparent in the east of the Greater Manchester conurbation.

2 **Boundary Commission Proposals**

2.1 **Geography**

- 2.1.1 The size and topography of the proposed Littleborough and Saddleworth constituency creates significant issues of accessibility. Saddleworth is a largely rural district and forms a part of the Peak District National Park and the South Pennines Countryside Character Area.
- 2.1.2 This proposal has not taken physical geographical considerations into account. The areas of population within the proposed constituency are separated by hills, moorland and a major motorway in the M62.
- 2.1.3 Transport links within this proposed constituency are poor. Winter weather conditions in this area can make travel between different towns and villages difficult or even impossible.
- 2.1.4 Because of these barriers, this proposed constituency presents difficulties in affording all constituents the ability to have reasonable access to their MP.
- 2.1.5 The proposed Failsworth and Droylsden constituency draws wards from four existing constituencies, with seven of the ten wards being drawn from Oldham Metropolitan Borough. The constituency stretches from Saddleworth West and Lees (currently in Oldham East and Saddleworth), in a swathe via the central Oldham wards of Alexandra (Oldham East and Saddleworth) and Werneth and then south through Medlock Vale and Hollinwood (these three currently in Oldham West and Royton). It then takes in Failsworth East, Failsworth West, Droylsden East and Droylsden West (these four are currently in the Ashton-under-Lyne constituency) then picks up Audenshaw from the Denton and Reddish Constituency. This creates a seat that draws 66% of its electors from within Oldham Metropolitan Borough.
- 2.1.6 The proposed seat is geographically incoherent. It is difficult to understand where an MP might locate an office that would be easily accessible to the whole of this constituency. For example, if the office were to be in central Oldham, according to Transport for Greater Manchester's journey planner an Audenshaw constituent would face a journey by road, tram and on foot that would take an hour and forty minutes each way. Over 40 minutes of this suggested journey is on foot, which would not be feasible for many constituents, and especially not for those with mobility issues. Similar issues would apply to the siting of a Littleborough and Saddleworth constituency office.

2.2 **Local Authority Boundaries**

- 2.2.1 The three new constituencies proposed for the wards of Oldham Metropolitan Borough are drawn from four local authority areas: Oldham, Manchester, Tameside and Rochdale. It is difficult to accept that local government boundaries have been taken into account. Currently, eighteen of the twenty Oldham wards are split between the Oldham West and Royton and the Oldham East and Saddleworth constituencies. Failsworth East and Failsworth West are the only two Oldham wards not contained within an Oldham constituency and they are in the Ashton-under-Lyne constituency.
- 2.2.2 The proposals across the North West seek to avoid any constituency containing wards from more than two local authority areas. Whilst this is achieved in these proposals it should be noted that the Oldham borough will share its three MPs with three other GM authorities. This brings its own administrative challenges, in particular for elections and especially for election counts when local and parliamentary elections fall on the same day.

2.3 Local Ties

- 2.3.1 Strong local ties have been ignored in these proposals.
- 2.3.2 Separating the two Royton wards is illogical and will be difficult for local people to understand. Prior to the formation of the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham, Royton was a self-controlling Urban District in its own right. After the Reform Act of 1832, Royton became part of the Oldham parliamentary borough constituency. Whilst Royton has found itself in different constituencies since then, the two wards have never been split.
- 2.3.3 Royton still retains its own Town Hall. Under Oldham council's strong commitment to localism, significant funding and decision making is devolved to local District Executives. For this purpose Royton is a two ward District Executive, with six councillors.
- 2.3.4 Roytonians identify with their place as a single town. It has its own town centre with a thriving shopping centre, a busy weekly market, its own library and only this year work was completed on a new Leisure centre.
- 2.3.5 Roytonians are also Oldhamers and are very proud that the name of the current constituency contains the name of their town Royton.
- 2.3.6 The Boundary Commission proposals split Saddleworth West and Lees from Saddleworth North and Saddleworth South. For the purpose of devolved district working the three Saddleworth wards form a single District Executive, with nine members. Saddleworth is parished and has its own civic hall in Uppermill. Although the Lees part of the Saddleworth West and Lees ward is **not** part of the Parish the rest, roughly half of the electorate, is. Saddleworth people do not distinguish between the ward boundaries.
- 2.3.7 It is welcome that these proposals make no attempt to separate the Chaddertons. Splitting these three wards would be as unacceptable as splitting Royton or Saddleworth. Chadderton retains its own Town Hall, its own sports centre within the Health and Wellbeing Centre, has a District shopping centre, and a nine member District Executive.

2.4 Alternative Proposal

- 2.4.1 Oldham is a growing Metropolitan Borough with a relatively young population of almost a quarter of a million people. Our current electoral numbers allow for two parliamentary constituencies wholly contained within Oldham Metropolitan Borough. This two constituency Oldham arrangement allows for the retention of the existing constituency names and involves minimum disruption. It also keeps within the electoral size limit of constituencies having no fewer than 71,031 and no more than 78,507 electors.
- 2.4.2 Creating two constituencies within the Oldham council local government boundaries can be achieved by bringing Failsworth East and Failsworth West into the Oldham West and Royton constituency. This would then necessitate moving one ward from the current Oldham West and Royton constituency into Oldham East and Saddleworth. Our proposal is that this should be the Medlock Vale ward. This configuration of wards is set out in Fig 1 below.
- 2.4.3 This proposal addresses:
- Geographical considerations which include size, shape and accessibility of constituencies
 - Local government boundaries as they existed on May 2015
 - Boundaries of existing constituencies
 - Local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies"

- 2.4.4 It is important to note the rationale, primarily based on community ties, for the exact configuration of our two proposed constituencies.
- 2.4.5 Including Failsworth East and Failsworth West in the Oldham West and Royton constituency would reunite these two wards with Hollinwood, Hollinwood was removed from the Ashton-under-Lyne constituency in the last parliamentary boundary changes. Despite this, the two Failsworth wards retain strong links with Hollinwood. Many parts of the Failsworth East ward are still considered to be Hollinwood by local residents. The famous Housing Units of Hollinwood is actually in Failsworth East. The site of the former Roxy cinema, strongly identified by local people as Hollinwood, is also in Failsworth East.
- 2.4.6 An indicator of the relationship between the Failsworths and Hollinwood is the fact that the three wards retain a single nine member District Executive, which meets in Failsworth Town Hall. Although the geography of District Executives has been reviewed twice since the 2010 general election, members retain a strong preference for this arrangement.
- 2.4.7 Our proposal to include Medlock Vale in the Oldham East and Saddleworth constituency would make for a coherent geographical split between Oldham East and Saddleworth and Oldham West and Royton. There are very strong community links between the Alexandra ward and Medlock Vale. The wards are demographically similar. Both wards were part of the New Deal for Communities initiative in the last decade. NDC leaves as part of its legacy the excellent Honeywell Community Centre, which both communities share. Both communities also see Hathershaw school as their main provider of secondary education. There are strong transport links around the A627.

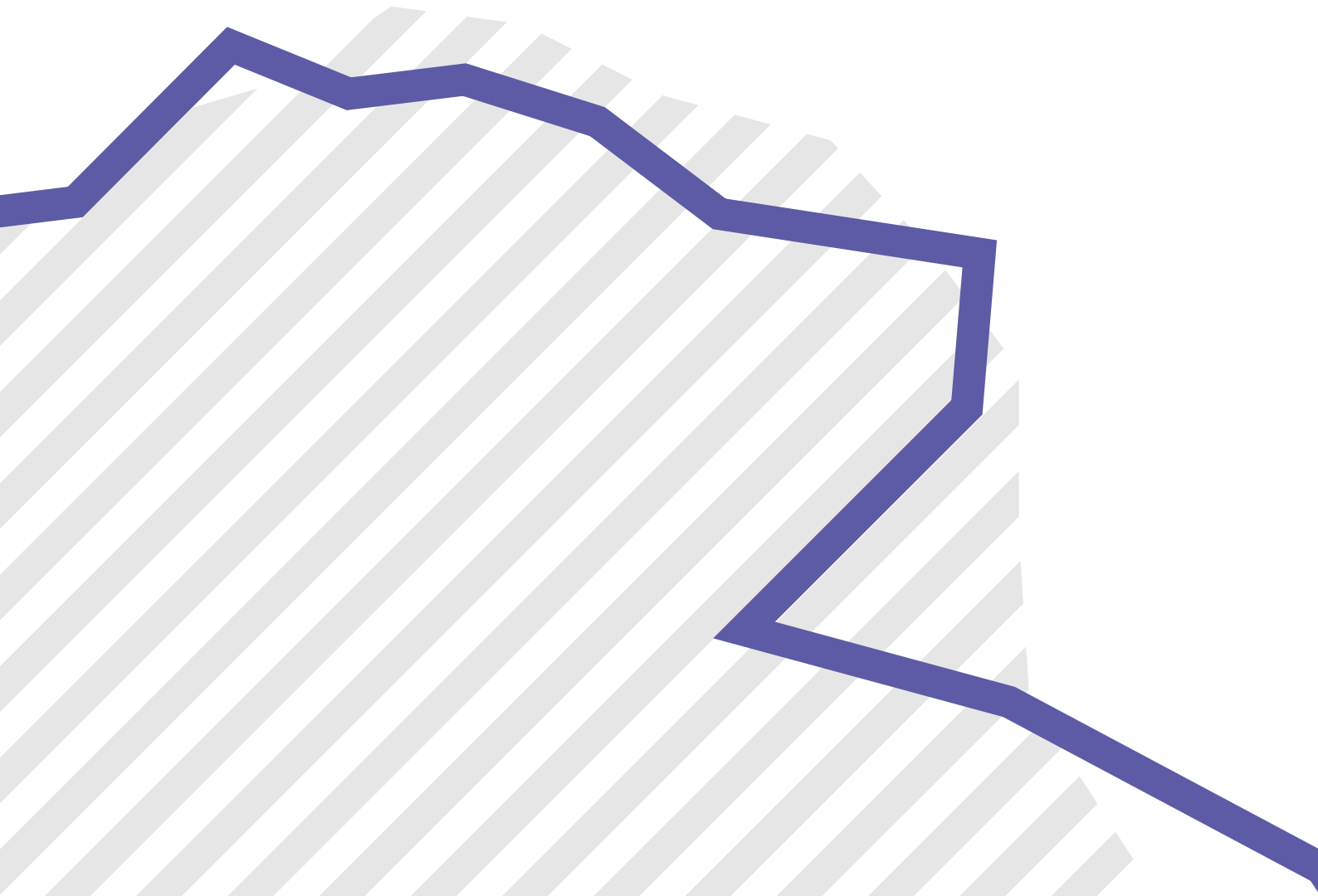
Fig 1 - Proposed Oldham retaining two MPs

Oldham East	
Alexandra	6212
Medlock Vale	7845
St James	7556
St Marys	8151
Waterhead	7924
Saddleworth North	7651
Saddleworth South	8030
Saddleworth West & Lees	8246
Crompton	8064
Shaw	7388
	77067
Oldham West	
Failsworth East	7687
Failsworth West	7386
Hollinwood	7171
Chadderton Central	7782
Chadderton North	8114
Chadderton South	7509
Coldhurst	7933
Werneth	7261
Royton North	7736
Royton South	8105
	76684

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- 3 **Options/Alternatives**
- 3.1 Option 1 – Do Nothing.
Option 2 - For Full council to make a submission to the BCE making the case for the alternative Parliamentary Boundaries as set out in the report.
- 4 **Preferred Option**
- 4.1 The preferred option is to support the alternative options as set out in the report.
- 5 **Consultation**
- 5.1 Members of Full Council are asked to consider the contents of the report.
- 6 **Financial Implications**
- 6.1 N/A
- 7 **Legal Services Comments**
- 7.1 The legal process is contained within the body of the report.
8. **Co-operative Agenda**
- 8.1 As set out in the detail of the report.
- 9 **Human Resources Comments**
- 9.1 N/A
- 10 **Risk Assessments**
- 10.1 N/A
- 11 **IT Implications**
- 11.1 N/A
- 12 **Property Implications**
- 12.1 N/A
- 13 **Procurement Implications**
- 13.1 N/A
- 14 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**
- 14.1 N/A
- 15 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**
- 15.1 N/A
- 16 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**
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16.1	No
17	Key Decision
17.1	No
18	Key Decision Reference
18.1	N/A
19	Background Papers
19.1	N/A
20	Appendices
20.1	N/A

Revised proposals for new constituency boundaries in the North West



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Summary

Who we are and what we do

The Boundary Commission for England is an independent and impartial non-departmental public body, which is responsible for reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England.

The 2018 Review

We have the task of periodically reviewing the boundaries of all the Parliamentary constituencies in England. We are currently conducting a review on the basis of new rules laid down by Parliament. These rules involve a significant reduction in the number of constituencies in England (from 533 to 501), resulting in the number of constituencies in the North West reducing by seven, to 68. The rules also require that every constituency – apart from two specified exceptions¹ – must have an electorate that is no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507.

How did we conduct the 2018 Review?

We published our initial proposals for new boundaries in September 2016 and consulted on them. We received written comments and oral submissions at public hearings held in each region. We published all the comments we received and we held a second consultation exercise in relation to them in March 2017. We are very grateful for all the comments that these two consultation exercises have generated. We have now completed the next stage of the review process and we are now publishing our revised proposals. For each region, the revised proposals report sets

out our analysis of all the responses to our initial proposals in the first and second consultations, and the conclusions we have reached as to how those proposals should be revised as a result. The annex to each report contains details of the composition of each constituency in our revised proposals for the relevant region; maps to illustrate these constituencies can be viewed on our website or in hard copy at a local place of deposit near you.

What are the revised proposals for the North West?

We have revised the composition of 25 of the 68 constituencies we proposed in September 2016. After careful consideration, we have decided not to make any revisions to the composition of the remaining 43. In some instances, however, we have revised our proposed names for these constituencies. Under our revised proposals, 13 constituencies in the North West would be the same as they are under the existing arrangements.

As it was not always possible to allocate whole numbers of constituencies to individual counties, our initial proposals grouped some local authority areas into sub-regions. It was also necessary to propose some constituencies that cross county or unitary authority boundaries. Following consideration of the representations made on our initial proposals, our revised proposal sub-regions remain unchanged from those initial proposals, as shown in the table overleaf.

¹ The specific exemptions in England to the rules on constituency size are the two constituencies in the Isle of Wight.

Sub-region	Existing allocation	Allocation under our revised proposals
Cumbria	6	5
Lancashire	16	14
Merseyside (less the Wirral)	11	10
Greater Manchester, the Wirral, and Cheshire (Cheshire West and Chester, and Cheshire East)	42	39

As in the initial proposals, we are recommending four cross-county constituencies. We have proposed two constituencies that contain electors from both Cheshire and Greater Manchester – one that combines the towns of Altrincham and Knutsford, and another that combines the town of Wilmslow, and the Stockport Borough suburb of Hazel Grove.

Although we have treated Lancashire and Merseyside as separate sub-regions, we have proposed a constituency that crosses the county boundary, which combines three wards from the Borough of West Lancashire with the town of Southport.

We recommend that one constituency crosses the county boundary between Cheshire and the Wirral, as in the initial proposals.

In Cumbria, we have proposed five constituencies contained entirely within the county, making one change to our initial proposals, affecting the Barrow and Furness, and Workington and Whitehaven constituencies, the latter of which we have recommended an alternative name.

In Lancashire, we have reconfigured nine constituencies, one of which also has an alternative name proposed.

We have recommended no changes to the initial proposals in Merseyside.

In the Greater Manchester, the Wirral, and Cheshire sub-region, we have proposed changes to the composition of 14 of the initially proposed constituencies, including three in which we propose that the name of the constituency also be changed. We have further recommended that two constituencies should be changed by name only.

How to have your say

We are consulting on our revised proposals for an eight-week period, from 17 October 2017 to 11 December 2017. We encourage everyone to use this final opportunity to contribute to the design of the new constituencies – the more public views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be when we make recommendations to the Government.

We ask everyone wishing to contribute to the design of the new constituencies to first look at the revised proposals report, and accompanying maps, before responding to us. The best way to respond to our revised proposals is through our consultation website: www.bce2018.org.uk.

1 What is the Boundary Commission for England?

1.1 The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is an independent and impartial non-departmental public body, which is required by Parliament to review Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England. We conduct a review of all the constituencies in England every five years. Our role is to make recommendations to Parliament for new constituency boundaries. We also make recommendations for any changes in the names of individual constituencies.

1.2 The Chair of the Commission is the Speaker of the House of Commons, but by convention he or she does not participate in the formulation of the Commission's recommendations, nor in the conduct of the review. The Deputy Chair and two further Commissioners take decisions on what recommendations to make for new constituency boundaries. They are assisted in their task by 21 assistant commissioners (two or three allocated to each of the nine regions of England). Further information about the Commissioners and assistant commissioners can be found in the 'About us' section of our corporate website.²

1.3 Our consultation website at www.bce2018.org.uk contains all the information needed to view and comment on our revised proposals. You can also contact us with any general enquiries by emailing information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk, by calling 020 7276 1102, or by writing to:

The Secretary to the Commission
Boundary Commission for England
35 Great Smith Street
London
SW1P 3BQ

² <http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/about-us>

2 Background to the 2018 Review

2.1 There are four Boundary Commissions covering the UK with separate Commissions for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 states that they must conduct a review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries, and make recommendations to Government, every five years. Under the current review, we must report in September 2018. The four Commissions work separately, and this report covers only the work of the Boundary Commission for England and, in particular, introduces our revised proposals for the North West.

2.2 Parliamentary boundaries are important, as they define the area in which voters will elect a Member of Parliament. If our recommendations are accepted, they would be used for the first time at the next General Election following their acceptance.

2.3 The legislation we work to states that there will be 600 Parliamentary constituencies covering the UK – a reduction of 50 from the current number. For England, that means that the number of constituencies must reduce from 533 to 501. There are also new rules that the Commission has to adhere to when conducting the review – a full set of rules can be found in our Guide to the 2018 Review of Parliamentary constituencies (the Guide),³ published in the summer of 2016, but they are also summarised later in this chapter. Most significantly, the rules state that every constituency we recommend (with the exception of two covering the Isle of Wight) must contain between 71,031 and 78,507 electors.

2.4 This is a significant change to the old rules under which Parliamentary boundary reviews took place, where achieving as close to the average number of electors in each constituency was an aim but not an overriding legal necessity. For example, in England, the largest constituency currently has around twice as many electors as the smallest. Achieving a more even distribution of electors in every constituency across England, together with the reduction in the total number of constituencies, means that a significant scale of change to the existing map of constituencies is inevitable.

2.5 If implemented, the recommendations that we will make in September 2018 will be the first set of boundaries to be defined under the new rules. While there has to be a significant amount of change across the country, we will, where possible, try to limit the extent of such change, having regard to the statutory factors. Under the Act, we have a challenging job to do in conducting a review of constituency boundaries that is necessarily going to result, in many places, in a pattern of constituencies that is unfamiliar to the public. Nevertheless, the review has been one that we have conducted in a rigorous and thorough fashion.

2.6 The revised proposals that we set out in this report, and in the reports for the other eight regions across England, are made on the basis of the evidence we received during two consultation exercises, the careful consideration of our assistant commissioners and the best judgement of the three Boundary Commissioners. We are

³ Available at <http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2018-review>.

confident that these revised proposals strike the best balance between the statutory factors and, having consulted twice already, we are close to settling on a pattern of constituencies to recommend to Parliament next year. There may be particular areas across the country where our judgement has been a balanced and marginal one between competing alternatives, and in such cases, we have made clear that we are looking for further evidence before we finalise our recommendations. In many areas we are persuaded by the evidence we have received thus far, and we would therefore require new and significantly stronger arguments to make us depart from our revised proposals. If it exists, such new and compelling evidence would be welcome. However, we will not be assisted by repetition of arguments that have already been made, and which we have already considered. The requirement to keep constituencies within the permitted range of electors is strict, but otherwise we have sought to balance often conflicting considerations. Our proposals must also be comprehensive. We are acutely conscious that very often a change in one constituency necessarily requires an alteration in another and sometimes the consequential alterations reverberate through a whole chain of constituencies.

2.7 The Guide contains further detailed background, and explains all the policies and procedures that we are following in conducting the review, in greater depth than in this consultation document. We encourage anyone wishing to be involved in the review to read the Guide, to enable greater understanding of the rules and constraints placed on the Commission, especially if they are intending to comment on our revised proposals.

The rules in the legislation

2.8 The rules contained in the legislation state that every constituency in England (except two covering the Isle of Wight) must have an electorate of between 71,031 and 78,507 – that is, 5% either side of the electoral quota of 74,769. The legislation also states that, when deciding on boundaries, the Commission may also take into account:

- special geographical considerations, including the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency
- local government boundaries as they existed on 7 May 2015
- boundaries of existing constituencies
- any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies.

2.9 It is essential to understand that none of the factors mentioned in the list above overrides the necessity to achieve an electorate in each constituency that is within the range allowed, as explained previously. In relation to local government boundaries in particular, it should be noted that we are obliged to take into account local government boundaries as they existed in May 2015. Our initial proposals for the region and the accompanying maps were based on the wards as they existed in May 2015, and our revised proposals contained within this report continue to be based on those boundaries. The Guide outlines further our policy on how, and to what extent, we take into account local government boundaries that have been amended since 2015.

2.10 In our initial proposals, we took into account the boundaries of existing constituencies so far as we could, and tried to retain existing constituencies where possible, so long as the other factors could also be satisfied. As mentioned earlier in this chapter, because of the scale of change required to fulfil the obligations imposed on us by the new rules, this proved difficult. Our initial proposals retained 18% of the existing constituencies in the North West – the remainder were new constituencies (although in a number of cases we were able to limit the changes to existing constituencies, making only minor changes as necessary to enable us to comply with the new rules).

2.11 Among the many arguments we heard in response to the consultations on our initial proposals was the need to have particular regard to this factor of the rules to which we work. While some respondents put a higher value on retaining existing constituency boundaries over the other factors in the rules, it is the Commission's task to balance all the factors. As we set out in the course of this report, our revised proposals retain 13 (17%) of the existing 75 constituencies in the North West.

The use of the regions used for European elections

2.12 Our proposals are based on the nine regions used for European elections. This report relates to the North West. There are eight other separate reports containing our revised proposals for the other regions. At the very beginning of the

2018 Review we decided, in agreement with all the main political parties, to use these regions as a basis for working out our initial proposals. You can find more details in the Guide and on our website. We stated in our initial proposals report that, while this approach does not prevent anyone from making proposals to us that cross regional boundaries, we would need to have compelling reasons provided to us to persuade us to depart from the region-based approach.

2.13 In response to the consultations on our initial proposals, we did not receive sufficient evidence across the country to suggest that we should depart from the regional approach to this review. Therefore, this report, and all other regional reports, continues to use the regional boundaries as a basis for proposals for constituencies.

Timetable for the review

Stage one – initial proposals

2.14 We began this review in February 2016 by publishing breakdowns of the electorate for each ward, local government authority and existing constituency, which were prepared using electorate data provided by local authorities and the Office for National Statistics. These are available on the data pages of our corporate website.⁴ The Commission spent a number of months considering the factors outlined above and drawing up our initial proposals. We published our initial proposals for consultation for each of England's nine regions on 13 September 2016.

⁴ <http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/data-and-resources>

Stage two – consultation on initial proposals

2.15 We consulted on our initial proposals for 12 weeks, from 13 September 2016 to 5 December 2016. This consultation period also included holding 36 public hearings, at which people had the opportunity to make oral representations. We received more than 18,000 unique written representations across the country as a whole, including more than 2,800 unique written representations relating to the North West. We also heard more than 170 oral representations at the five public hearings in the North West. We are grateful to all those who took the time and trouble to read and respond to our initial proposals.

Stage three – consultation on representations received

2.16 The legislation requires us to publish all the representations we received on our initial proposals, and to allow people to send us comments on them for a four-week period. We published the representations on 28 February 2017 and invited comments on them until 27 March 2017. We received more than 7,500 unique written representations across the country as a whole during those four weeks.

Stage four – publication of revised proposals

2.17 As we outline in chapter 3, having considered the evidence presented to us, we have decided that the evidence is such that it is appropriate to revise our initial proposals in some areas. Therefore, as we are required to do (under the legislation), on 17 October 2017, we are publishing this report – Revised proposals for new

constituency boundaries in the North West – alongside eight others, one for each of the other regions in England. We are consulting on our revised proposals for the statutory eight-week period, which closes on 11 December 2017. Unlike the initial consultation period, there is no provision in the legislation for further public hearings, nor is there a repeat of the four-week period for commenting on the representations of others. Chapter 4 outlines how you can contribute during this consultation period.

Stage five – final recommendations

2.18 Once the consultation on revised proposals has closed on 11 December 2017, we will consider all the representations received at this stage, and throughout the review, before making final recommendations to the Government. The legislation states that we must do this during September 2018. Further details about what the Government and Parliament must do to implement our recommendations are contained in the Guide.

2.19 At the launch of each stage of consultation, we have taken – and are continuing to take – all reasonable steps to publicise our proposals, so that as many people as possible are aware of the consultation and can take the opportunity to contribute to our review of constituencies.

3 Revised proposals for the North West

3.1 In July 2016, we arranged for the appointment of three assistant commissioners for the North West – Neil Ward, Nicholas Elliott, and Graeme Clarke – to assist us with the analysis of the representations received during the first two consultation periods. This included chairing public hearings held in the region to collect oral evidence, as follows:

- Manchester: 11–12 October 2016
- Chester: 13–14 October 2016
- Carlisle: 17–18 October 2016
- Liverpool: 20–21 October 2016
- Lancaster: 24–25 October 2016.

3.2 We asked the assistant commissioners to consider all the written and oral representations, and to make recommendations to us on whether our initial proposals should be revised, in light of evidence provided in the representations. It is important to stress that the assistant commissioners had no involvement in developing – and therefore no vested interest in supporting – our initial proposals. Accordingly, they came to the analysis with an independent mind, open to viable alternative proposals supported by evidence. We are incredibly grateful for the thorough and methodical approach the assistant commissioners have taken to their work.

3.3 What follows in this chapter is:

- a brief recap of our initial proposals
- a description of the counter-proposals put forward during the consultations
- the assistant commissioners’ analysis of the strength of the arguments for adoption of any of those counter-proposals
- our decision on whether or not to make changes to our proposals in the given area.

3.4 A tabular summary of the revised constituencies we now propose appears at Annex A to this report.

3.5 Throughout this chapter, where we refer to a respondent’s response, we also include the reference number, i.e. BCE-12345. This reference number corresponds with the representations that can be found on our consultation website at www.bce2018.org.uk. All representations received in response to the first two consultations are publicly available on this website. The representations received in response to these revised proposals will be published at the end of the review.

The sub-region split

3.6 In our initial proposals, we decided to divide the North West into four sub-regions. These were: Cumbria; Lancashire; Merseyside (less the Wirral); and Greater Manchester, the Wirral, and Cheshire. The reduction of seven from the existing 75 constituencies in the region meant that significant change was required. As a result, under the initial proposals only 14 of the current 75 constituencies had been left unchanged. Despite treating Lancashire and

Merseyside as separate sub-regions, we proposed that the Southport constituency would cross the county boundary, combining the town with three wards from the borough of West Lancashire. Additionally, we initially proposed two constituencies (Altrincham and Tatton Park, and Bramhall and Poynton) that contained wards from both Cheshire and Greater Manchester.

3.7 There was support for our proposed sub-regional arrangement. The counter-proposals of the Conservative Party (BCE-33246), the Labour Party (BCE-31193), the Liberal Democrat Party (BCE-29373), and the representation of the Green Party (BCE-29032) did not suggest any different sub-regions. However, a counter-proposal from Oliver Raven (BCE-39493) suggested a constituency which crossed the Greater Manchester and Lancashire county boundary.

3.8 We received proposals to split wards in several constituencies. Our assistant commissioners advised us that, in the main, these recommendations provided small benefit to the wider community, and none of the proposals were ‘exceptional or compelling’ or in any way met this criteria. Therefore, they did not recommend any counter-proposals that suggest a division of wards, and we concur with their judgement.

Cumbria

3.9 Of the six existing constituencies in Cumbria, none are within the permitted electorate range. With its entitlement to 5.02 constituencies, under our initial proposals the number of constituencies within Cumbria was reduced by one

to give the sub-region a total of five constituencies. Significant changes were required to bring these five constituencies within the permitted electorate range.

3.10 In the north of the county we proposed a Carlisle constituency, coterminous with the boundaries of Carlisle City Council, and encompassing the city and its rural hinterland.

3.11 We proposed that the existing Barrow and Furness constituency, which needed to gain electors in order to be within the permitted range, should extend northwards rather than eastwards, due to poor transport links across Cartmel Sands. Noting that the electorate of the existing Copeland constituency (60,785) was well outside the permitted electorate range, we also suggested the creation of a coastal Workington and Whitehaven constituency in the west, extending from the town of Maryport down to the River Mite.

3.12 We then divided the Lakeland areas of Cumbria along an east-west axis creating the constituencies of Penrith and Solway, and Westmorland and Lonsdale. In our initial proposals, we proposed that the town of Appleby-in-Westmorland should be included in our Westmorland and Lonsdale constituency, which also contained the southern lakes, while the northern lakes and fells would be included in the Penrith and Solway constituency that extended to the Solway Firth in the west.

3.13 We received broad support for the initial proposals in Cumbria, particularly for the proposed constituencies of Carlisle, and Penrith and Solway, the latter of which prompted a small letter writing campaign in support of the initial proposals

(BCE-33241). The official responses to the initial proposals from the Conservative Party (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902), and the Liberal Democrat Party (BCE-29373) supported the initial proposals in full. The Labour Party (BCE-31193 and BCE-40903) suggested minor changes to all the constituencies within Cumbria. The Green Party (BCE-29032) did not submit a counter-proposal for any constituencies in the county.

3.14 Two counter-proposals suggesting larger-scale change in the county were received from the Morecambe Bay Independents (BCE-25945), and from Councillor Darren Clifford (BCE-32939) including a proposal for a constituency that crossed the county boundary into Lancashire, thereby altering our sub-regional arrangement. This proposal will be addressed in further detail later when we come to consider Lancashire.

3.15 Across the county, two principal issues with the initial proposals arose. The first was the question raised in representations on whether the Bootle ward on the west coast, which we suggested should be included in the Barrow and Furness constituency, might more appropriately be included in the Workington and Whitehaven constituency. The second was whether the ward of Dalston, which was proposed to be part of the Carlisle constituency, should be included in Penrith and Solway, as suggested by the Labour Party.

3.16 The Labour Party (BCE-40903) on a broader front argued that ‘the wards of Crosby Ravensworth and Long Marton look towards the market town of Appleby as their local centre, being historically

part of Westmorland, and that therefore their inclusion in the Westmorland & Lonsdale CC breaks fewer ties and makes the constituency a better shape.’ Simon Bennett (BCE-19327) and Peter Naylor (BCE-27655) shared this view. To accommodate this change, the Labour Party would transfer the Dalston ward to be included within the Penrith and Solway constituency. In light of this suggestion, our assistant commissioners investigated whether the evidence provided supported this proposition. They accepted that a valid case existed in respect of the proposal to reinforce the links between Crosby Ravensworth and Long Marton wards with the town of Appleby but did not believe it was sufficiently strong to require the annexation of Dalston ward from the Carlisle constituency, particularly in the light of other representations that confirmed the integral nature of Dalston to the rest of the city of Carlisle. David Mallinson (BCE-21219) for example, stated: ‘I agree with the new boundary position including Dalston with the Carlisle constituency. Dalston is closely linked to Carlisle over any other local area and should be within the boundary of Carlisle. Local transport routes and public services are all linked to Carlisle. The MP for Carlisle should be the MP for Dalston.’ On day two of the public hearing in Carlisle, Neville Lishman (BCE-32891) further highlighted the connections of the Dalston ward to the rest of Carlisle, stating that ‘Carlisle racecourse, after its name, is in the Dalston ward. The Nestlé plant, a major employer for Carlisle people, is in the Dalston ward. You come off the motorway at junction 42 for Carlisle south; junction 42 is in the Dalston ward.’

3.17 Similar support was expressed by the Conservative Party (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902), the Liberal Democrat Party (BCE-29373), and by members of the public such as David Ward (BCE-21819) and Robert Currie (BCE-32846).

3.18 Our assistant commissioners carefully considered the evidence presented, and in light of the considerable support for the proposed Carlisle constituency, and in the absence of more persuasive evidence to support the Labour Party's counter-proposal, recommended to us that the initial proposals should not be altered. Having considered the evidence as presented by the assistant commissioners, we have decided not to modify the initial proposal for the Carlisle constituency.

3.19 With respect to the Barrow and Furness constituency, the Labour Party (BCE-31193 and BCE-40903) considered that Bootle ward looks more to the north than the south, being part of the chain of coastal and industrial communities of West Cumbria, and has stronger ties with Seascale, Sellafield, and Whitehaven. As a consequence they proposed that Bootle ward should be moved from the Barrow and Furness constituency (as put forward in the initial proposals), into the Workington and Whitehaven constituency. This view was shared by a number of residents of Bootle ward. The representation sent in by David Robson (BCE-33808) is a typical example of this, in which he states: 'Most of what is currently South Copeland looks north to Whitehaven for its services and main sources of employment not to Barrow-in-Furness. The main hospital is, for now at least, in Whitehaven. The principal places of employment are at Sellafield and Whitehaven. Shopping is also generally

based there. The normal daily routine of people's lives is based to the north.' John Woodcock, the Member of Parliament for Barrow and Furness (BCE-29535), told us that placing Bootle ward in the Barrow and Furness constituency would lead to 'a greater division of the existing constituency and a further breaking of local ties than would otherwise be necessary.'

3.20 Opposition to this change was limited. The Conservative Party response (BCE-40902) was that the Bootle ward should be in the same constituency as the town of Millom. Another representation, from Christopher Whiteside (BCE-32871), argued that the initial proposal for Barrow and Furness had a strong geographical border at Ravenglass, and that placing a border between Bootle ward and Millom Without ward would 'make much less sense.'

3.21 Our assistant commissioners carefully considered the evidence that had been received, and were persuaded by the arguments put forward by residents of the Bootle ward that it does indeed look north for its services and community links. They recommended that the initial proposals for Cumbria should be amended to accommodate the transfer of the Bootle ward from the Barrow and Furness constituency into the Workington and Whitehaven constituency. They further suggested that, as proposed by some representations, the proposed name of the Workington and Whitehaven constituency should be changed to West Cumbria. Having considered the evidence, we agreed with the recommendations of our assistant commissioners. In respect of the Westmorland and Lonsdale, and Penrith and Solway constituencies, our

assistant commissioners noted that very few representations or counter-proposals were received. Due to the broad support of the proposals generally, they recommend that the initial proposals for these constituencies should remain unaltered. We agree with them.

Lancashire

3.22 Of the 16 existing constituencies currently within Lancashire, three (Chorley, South Ribble, and Ribble Valley) have electorates that are within the permitted range, and many of the remaining constituencies have electorates that are significantly lower than the permitted range. In formulating our initial proposals we noted that Lancashire's entitlement to 14.06 constituencies meant that the county could have been treated on its own, but we proposed the inclusion of three West Lancashire Borough wards in a cross-county Southport constituency – primarily so that the town of Formby would not be divided.

3.23 The low electorates of both the Morecambe and Lunesdale (63,283) and Lancaster and Fleetwood (58,789) constituencies meant that we proposed the combination of both Lancaster and Morecambe into one constituency, although this did not include Lancaster University, which is located in the mostly rural University & Scotforth Rural ward. The geographically large ward sizes, but conversely small ward electorates, led us to include this ward in a constituency that stretched from the Cumbrian border to the estuary of the River Wyre and to the outskirts of the City of Preston, which was named North Lancashire.

3.24 On the Fylde, the electorates of both Blackpool South (54,607) and Blackpool North and Cleveleys (60,324) were particularly low, and we proposed modifications to both. We proposed that the Kilnhouse, and St. Leonard's wards be transferred to the Blackpool South constituency, and that the Fylde constituency should include the four wards comprising the town of Poulton-le-Fylde to increase its electorate.

3.25 With an electorate of 56,110, Preston had the fourth lowest total electorate in the North West. We suggested that the whole of the city area, including Fulwood, could be included in a compact, urban constituency.

3.26 In our initial proposals, we recommended a minor change to the existing Blackburn constituency – the transfer of the Fernhurst ward from the existing Rossendale and Darwen constituency. In turn, we proposed that Rossendale and Darwen should gain two wards from the existing Hyndburn constituency to bring it within the permitted electorate range, and to create a geographically better shaped constituency.

3.27 As a result of these changes, the Hyndburn constituency needed to increase in electors so that it was within the permitted electorate range. We proposed the inclusion of three wards on the eastern side of the constituency from the existing Burnley constituency and, in view of these changes, suggested that the constituency should be called Accrington. Burnley meanwhile, in addition to the change mentioned above, would extend northwards to include eight wards from the existing Pendle constituency.

3.28 Although the electorate of the existing Ribble Valley constituency was within the permitted electorate range (75,348), as a result of the loss of two constituencies in the county and of changes made elsewhere, we suggested that the remainder of the existing Pendle constituency be combined with a number of wards from the existing Ribble Valley constituency and included them in a Clitheroe and Colne constituency.

3.29 With respect to the existing West Lancashire constituency, we proposed that this was changed only by the inclusion of the wards of Rufford, and Eccleston and Mawdesley from the existing South Ribble constituency. We further proposed that the wards of North Meols, Hesketh-with-Beconsall, and Tarleton should be transferred from the existing South Ribble constituency to our proposed Southport constituency. The South Ribble constituency would then include several wards in the east from the existing Ribble Valley constituency.

3.30 In our initial proposals, we suggested that the constituency of Chorley should remain unchanged.

3.31 Our initial proposals for Lancashire were supported in full by the Labour Party (BCE-31193 and BCE-40903) and accepted by the Liberal Democrat Party (BCE-29373). The Conservative Party (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902) supported three of the proposed constituencies (Chorley, Blackburn, and Rossendale and Darwen) and submitted counter-proposals for the remaining 11 constituencies. The Green Party (BCE-29032) did not submit a counter-proposal for any of the 14 constituencies.

3.32 We noted that the initial proposal for the Lancaster and Morecambe constituency was amongst the most contentious in the region. As well as attracting hundreds of individual representations from residents of both Lancaster and Morecambe, we received several sets of letter writing campaigns submitted by the Member of Parliament for Morecambe and Lunesdale, David Morris, and two further petitions signed by hundreds of residents from Lancaster.

3.33 The main objection to the Lancaster and Morecambe constituency was that the two towns had distinct and separate identities. Some respondents drew attention to the revised proposals report from the discontinued 2013 Review in which the then assistant commissioners had suggested that ‘to combine them [Morecambe and Lancaster] would disrupt local ties and would fly in the face of the clearly defined views of local people’. During the current review, we also noted the passion with which many respondents, mostly located within Morecambe, expressed their wish to remain in a separate constituency to Lancaster. Many residents of Morecambe held the view that sharing Parliamentary representation with Lancaster would lead to Morecambe being neglected, as for example expressed by Raymond Axon (BCE-33672) who stated: ‘I believe that Morecambe should not be linked to Lancaster because as it is we do not have our own council but come under Lancaster City Council. This arrangement fails because Morecambe is very much the poor relation. Most of our tourist attractions have been eradicated we no longer have a theatre, a swimming pool, a fun fair etc. Our sea front consists of large swathes of boarded up land, burnt out

tourist attractions.’ This view was shared by several others, for instance Howard Carter (BCE-18332), who remarked that ‘Lancaster and Morecambe are totally different in terms of history, architecture, temperament, problems and issues ... Historically, Lancaster has treated Morecambe poorly. It has acted as a gatekeeper.’

3.34 At day one of the Lancaster public hearing, the Member of Parliament for Morecambe and Lunesdale, David Morris (BCE-32907), gave further evidence describing the antipathy of many of Morecambe’s residents towards Lancaster, stating that ‘there is still a lot of bad blood following the merger of the councils of Morecambe and Lancaster. This is the reason why the council has to meet in both Lancaster and Morecambe to this day’; and further, that ‘In Morecambe there is a universally held feeling that Lancaster takes all of Morecambe’s funding on a council level and that to support one area is always to the detriment of the other. I do not feel that one Member of Parliament would be able to support the differing needs of a student city and a seaside resort properly or effectively.’ Mr Morris also subsequently submitted a letter writing campaign, comprised of four petition questions, to both the initial and secondary consultations (BCE-33223, BCE-33225, BCE-33227, BCE-41164, BCE-41163, and BCE-41165). This letter writing campaign contained submissions from over 6,000 respondents, the vast majority of which opposed our proposals for both the Lancaster and Morecambe, and North Lancashire constituencies. Emma Smith, a former Councillor for Heysham South ward (BCE-32910) who also spoke at day one of the public hearing, commented that ‘at its heart Lancaster is a city and

Morecambe is a seaside town. It cannot possibly be allowed for Morecambe to become a suburb of Lancaster. If this happens Morecambe would suffer. An MP for both areas would have to take sides and prioritise.’

3.35 The exclusion of Lancaster University, which is located in the mostly rural University & Scotforth Rural ward, was also a major point of opposition to the proposals. Several respondents, some of whom otherwise supported the initial proposals, considered the separation of Lancaster University from the Lancaster constituency to be unacceptable. Councillor Oscar Thynne (BCE-29698) for instance commented: ‘I am greatly concerned about the exclusion of Lancaster University from the proposed constituency. The university plays a very important role within the district, especially the city centre, and it is wrong to exclude it.’ This view was shared by many others, such as Kate Jackson (BCE-17912), Catherine Pacey (BCE-18028), and Stephen Humphrey (BCE-23490).

3.36 Conversely, we also noted that several representations were received that strongly supported the initial proposals. In their response to the initial consultation, the Labour Party (BCE-31193) stated that ‘the Commission’s proposed Lancaster & Morecambe CC is a logical seat which retains both towns intact.’ The Member of Parliament for Lancaster and Fleetwood, Cat Smith (BCE-32918), agreed and gave further evidence regarding the links between the two towns, stating that: ‘The people in Lancaster, Morecambe and Heysham they all use the same public services, that is the Royal Lancaster Infirmary, which is the main hospital for

accident and emergency and maternity services. Post-16 education outside school provision is delivered at the Lancashire and Morecambe College. Public transport links across this constituency are strong with regular bus services covering Heysham, Morecambe and Lancaster, as well as a railway service linking the two populations. Whilst Heysham, Morecambe and Lancaster all have very different and distinct identities, and I do not dispute that, they share far more in common with each other than they do with anywhere else in the area.'

3.37 In her representation (BCE-32918), Ms Smith also outlined a large number of organisations across various sectors that currently work between both Lancaster and Morecambe, including the Lancaster and Morecambe Hindu Society, Lancaster and Morecambe Rail Users Group, Lancaster and Morecambe Parents Defending Education, Lancaster and Morecambe Autistic Society, Lancaster and Morecambe District National Union of Teachers, and Lancaster and Morecambe Dementia Community Forum. On the exclusion of the University from the proposed Lancaster and Morecambe constituency, Ms Smith remarked that 'I would like to see a proposal which did include the university, although having looked at the numbers myself I can see that there is a challenge unless it was to look seriously at dividing electoral divisions within a ward to pull out the campus itself.' She further commented that 'it is important to recognise that Lancaster University is an out of city campus, that is how it was designed, and the vast majority of students and as far as I am aware all the academics do live in Lancaster itself,

so a Lancaster and Morecambe MP would have an interest in being a good representative to the university whether or not it was included in the seat.' Councillor Colin Hartley (BCE-33100) expressed the view that it was unnecessary for the University to be included in the Lancaster and Morecambe constituency, stating: 'Personally, I think too much is being made of this. Many students live in Lancaster and not on campus, so would be included in the proposed boundary. Lots of those living on campus are from overseas so are not eligible to vote in national elections.'

3.38 In respect of the North Lancashire constituency, we noted that several respondents commented on the geographical size of the constituency, the lack of community links, and the number of local authorities that were contained within the constituency. The Conservative Party (BCE-33246) remarked that although we had indicated in our initial proposals that we had linked the towns Morecambe and Lancaster to avoid the creation of a 'geographically huge constituency that would wrap around the City of Lancaster', by doing so 'the Commission's proposed North Lancashire constituency does exactly this. It is huge being 44% of the area of County of Lancashire.' This view was shared by the Green Party (BCE-29032), and also by Terry Largan (BCE-30392), who stated that 'BCE's proposed North Lancashire constituency contains parts of four boroughs and is constructed from parts of four existing constituencies. Such a multiple hybrid constituency strongly indicates a considerable degree of broken ties and insufficient respecting of local government boundaries and the boundaries of

existing constituencies', and by Lancaster City Council (BCE-20679), who said 'the proposed new North Lancashire constituency is too geographically spread across communities served by four local authorities.'

3.39 Other objections to the proposed North Lancashire constituency came from residents in the towns of Carnforth and Silverdale, who also expressed concerns regarding the size of the constituency. One example is the representation of Chris Heath (BCE-33144), who at the Lancaster public hearing commented: 'I must admit I was quite surprised when I saw the proposals that came out and saw that we had been put into this very big, very nebulous constituency with effectively only one transport link from north to south and it takes at least 40 minutes or so to drive if you are driving at the top speed on the motorway. There is very little commonality of interest between people on the north Preston border area or even off up along the Ribble Valley to people on the Morecambe Bay coast.' Liz Withey (BCE-20544) remarked 'I think the area covered by the proposed constituency is too wide and too varied. Carnforth is coastal and needs to be grouped with other similar areas with similar issues. I do not feel we have much in common with north Preston or the Ribble valley and I fear many of our issues would be forgotten.'

3.40 Others, such as the Labour Party (BCE-40903), did not share this opinion. In their representation, the Labour Party asserted that 'we do not accept that the acreage of the proposed North Lancashire CC is by itself a significant objection to it. It reflects the fact that this a sparsely

populated area, and that the electorate in the county of Lancashire is unevenly distributed, heavily concentrated in the south and west of the county.' Some residents of areas proposed to be included in the North Lancashire constituency were supportive of the proposals such as Mark Nelson (BCE-15530) who said: 'I now live in the new seat of North Lancashire, about which I am very happy indeed, I believe all wards within this seat will have much in common. Creating a new seat of Morecambe and Lancaster makes much more sense, the two places sit together with ease.' A similar view was shared by Richard Austen-Baker (BCE-15917) who commented 'I think the proposed North Lancashire constituency makes excellent sense. It is overwhelmingly rural, so the vast bulk of electors have this rural factor in common. The economies of most of the communities within the new boundaries depend wholly or very heavily on agriculture, country sports and associated activity, so an MP for this constituency would have a clear idea about the economic and business context and priorities of his or her constituents.'

3.41 We noted that counter-proposals for the two constituencies largely followed one of two patterns: they either supported the aim of linking the towns of Morecambe and Lancaster together in one constituency and suggested minor alterations, for example to include the University in the same constituency as the City of Lancaster; or alternatively, they took the view that Morecambe and Lancaster were two distinct places with their own identity, and that combining the two into one constituency would cause further disruption to local ties in Lancashire.

3.42 David Morris MP outlined his support for the counter-proposal of the Conservative Party (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902) which, instead of combining Lancaster and Morecambe into one constituency, sought to supplement the electorate of the existing Morecambe and Lunesdale constituency with the addition of the two wards of Bulk and Lower Lune Valley, and proposed a Lancaster and Wyre constituency that contained the remaining wards from the Lancaster City Council area, and included five wards from Preston Borough (currently within the existing Wyre and Preston North constituency). On the exclusion of the University from the Lancaster and Morecambe constituency, as in the initial proposals, the Conservative Party remarked that ‘To separate Lancaster University from the Lancaster seat is particularly strange.’ In respect of including the Bulk ward within their proposed Morecambe and Lunesdale constituency, the Conservative Party argued that this configuration represented ‘the least worst’ option, and noted ‘that the ward does have links with the Skerton wards which are already in the Morecambe and Lunesdale constituency.’ Other counter-proposals, such as that of Terry Lorgan (BCE-30392 and BCE-40907), proposed a very similar pattern of constituencies to that of the Conservative Party, with the main differences being the inclusion of the Garrison ward in a Lancaster and Fulwood constituency and the inclusion of the Preesall, and Hambleton & Stalmine wards in a Blackpool North and Wyre constituency. The counter-proposals submitted by Aaron Fear (BCE-31190 and BCE-40972) suggested an identical

Morecambe and Lunesdale constituency to the Conservative Party and put forward alternative configurations of the Lancaster and Wyre constituency.

3.43 However, many respondents objected to any proposal that would include the Bulk ward in a Morecambe and Lunesdale constituency, thus dividing it from the rest of Lancaster. In response to the Conservative Party counter-proposals, numerous representatives at the Lancaster public hearing indicated their strong belief that the Bulk ward should not be separated from Lancaster. At the Lancaster public hearing Andrew King (BCE-32995) stated ‘I have walked here today from my home in 15 minutes. I am in the centre of Lancaster in ten minutes. To suggest that we are in some way not part of Lancaster is almost unbelievable that this proposal has been made’; and Paul Smith (BCE-33020) stated: ‘I am aware of the counter-proposal that involves splitting Bulk. As a resident of Bulk I find it slightly preposterous my representation would be then tied to Morecambe and rural parts of Lancashire rather than the city centre I live 10 minutes’ walk from.’ We received a petition objecting to the Conservative Party proposals to include Bulk ward in the Morecambe and Lunesdale constituency, specifically the Ridge, Newton and Freehold communities, with 417 signatories (BCE-33212), in addition to a letter writing campaign with 359 signatories, supporting the combining of Morecambe, Heysham, and Lancaster into a single urban constituency (BCE-34192).

3.44 The counter-proposal of Oliver Raven (BCE-39493) agreed with the principle of combining Lancaster and Morecambe into one constituency, and proposed a configuration which included the University & Scotforth Rural ward. However, in this counter-proposal the transfer of the ward to Lancaster and Morecambe is offset by the inclusion of the Elswick and Little Eccleston, and Singleton and Greenhalgh wards in his proposed Carnforth and Garstang constituency. Many other representations, such as those from Councillor James Leyshon (BCE-33089), Christopher Morris (BCE-27243), and Graham Jameson (BCE-23237) among others, suggested that the Bolton & Slyne ward, which is currently within the Morecambe and Lunesdale constituency, would be more appropriately placed in a North Lancashire constituency so that the University could be included in the Morecambe and Lancaster constituency. In his representation at the Lancaster public hearing, Councillor Leyshon remarked: 'I think actually there are a lot of areas up towards the north of the proposed constituency, for example in Bolton-le-Slyne. I have spoken to representatives from different parties, ... who actually feel like areas, for example in Bolton-le-Slyne, would fit much more in a more rural northern seat.'

3.45 We noted the oral evidence provided by Councillor Darren Clifford (BCE-32939), who spoke on behalf of Morecambe Town Council. In his representation, he outlined a counter-proposal to return to the historic constituency of 'Morecambe and Lonsdale, to reflect the pre 1983 boundary and retains its distinct identity as a seaside town and community. Morecambe

and Lonsdale existed until 1983 and incorporated Morecambe, Heysham, Carnforth and parts of the Ulverston rural district, including Grange.' We noted that this counter-proposal crosses the county boundary, and thus alters the pattern of every constituency in Cumbria as outlined in the initial proposals. We noted the similar proposal suggested by Geoff Knight (BCE-25945), who submitted a representation on behalf of the Morecambe Bay Independents, which also proposed a Morecambe and Lonsdale constituency.

3.46 Our assistant commissioners carefully considered the evidence that had been presented to them in respect of the North Lancashire, and Lancaster and Morecambe constituencies and investigated the counter-proposals that were received.

3.47 In regard to the proposed Lancaster and Morecambe constituency, they noted that respondents located in Lancaster were broadly supportive of the initial proposals, whilst respondents located in Morecambe were opposed to them. They empathised with the strong sense of identity that was illustrated in many representations from those located in Morecambe and the genuinely held concerns regarding the focus of Lancaster County Council. However, they also considered that many representations, from respondents both in Morecambe and Lancaster, provided evidence demonstrating both the ease and frequency with which they travelled, worked, and used leisure facilities and other services across both areas. Having considered the evidence and opposition to the counter-proposal to divide the areas, particularly the

objections raised regarding the Bulk ward, our assistant commissioners did not consider that persuasive evidence had been received such as to justify Morecambe and Lancaster being placed in separate constituencies.

3.48 In regard to the two representations that called for the return of the historic Morecambe and Lonsdale constituency that would cross the county boundary into Cumbria, our assistant commissioners advised us that these proposals would require consequential changes to several constituencies within Cumbria which had been supported in response to the consultation. As such, they did not recommend these counter-proposals, and we concur with this recommendation.

3.49 As previously mentioned, the exclusion of the University from the proposed Lancaster and Morecambe constituency formed another point of contention for many respondents, including those in favour of the initial proposals. Our assistant commissioners investigated the counter-proposals that included the University & Scotforth Rural ward in the Lancaster and Morecambe constituency. They noted the original proposal of Oliver Raven (BCE-27877), who included the University in a Lancaster and Morecambe constituency. Consequently he proposed transferring the Samesbury & Walton ward into the North Lancashire constituency which resulted in the creation of an 'orphan ward',⁵ and having five local authorities in the constituency, which he called Garstang and Carforth. Our assistant commissioners did not consider this, or his alternative in which

Elswick and Little Ecclestone, and Singleton and Greenhalgh were transferred to a Carnforth and Garstang constituency, were persuasive counter-proposals.

3.50 They also investigated the proposals which suggested dividing wards between constituencies. Alan Borgars (BCE-30072) proposed the division of the Bolton & Slyne ward, and Andrew Marsden (BCE-15757) suggested that the Bulk ward and the University & Scotforth Rural ward itself be divided. As any split ward proposal for this reason would be solely to accommodate the University in the Lancaster and Morecambe constituency and would not have beneficial effects elsewhere, our assistant commissioners considered that these proposals did not meet the 'exceptional and compelling' circumstances required, and did not recommend these proposals. We concur with their conclusion.

3.51 Our assistant commissioners recommended to us that the University should be included in the Lancaster and Morecambe constituency, if additionally the Halton-with-Aughton ward is transferred to it, and the Bolton & Slyne ward is transferred out to the proposed North Lancashire constituency. They suggested this configuration be included as part of our revised proposals. They were persuaded of the University's importance to Lancaster and by representations suggesting that the Bolton & Slyne ward is a logical fit for the North Lancashire constituency. We also noted representations from Anna Lee (BCE-33092) and James Groves (BCE-28049) who indicated that a similar configuration

⁵ 'Orphan ward' refers to a clear minority of wards (usually just one ward) from one local authority, in a constituency where the overwhelming majority of wards are from another local authority.

in which the Ellet ward, instead of the Halton-with-Aughton ward, is placed into the constituency. This also brings both constituencies within the permitted electorate range while allowing the University to be included with Lancaster. However, neither Ms Lee nor Mr Groves actively recommended this option.

3.52 We considered the recommendation of the assistant commissioners but noted that the resulting Lancaster and Morecambe constituency would have a geographically irregular shape, and appeared somewhat artificial. We decided to review the evidence ourselves and noted representations such as those of Councillor James Leyshon (BCE-33089) and the Member of Parliament for Lancaster and Fleetwood, Cat Smith (BCE-32918), who argued that it was not essential for the University to be included in the Lancaster constituency. We were also mindful of the evidence presented from respondents in the Bolton & Slyne ward, outlining its links to Lancaster, which would be broken under the assistant commissioners' recommendation (though we accept that a similar view may prevail among residents of Halton-with-Aughton ward). While we understand the concerns that many have on the exclusion of the University from the constituency, we agree with the suggestion that student populations are often transient, and note that many students will reside off campus, where they are likely to be electors from the proposed constituency. While we recognise that the arguments are finely balanced we do not find the evidence in support of the University being included in a Lancaster constituency, at the expense of the Bolton & Slyne ward, to be sufficiently persuasive. While recognising some of the

merits of the arguments put to us by the assistant commissioners, we reject their recommendations for this constituency and make no revisions to the initial proposal for Lancaster and Morecambe.

3.53 The assistant commissioners noted the concerns about the large geographical area covered by the proposed North Lancashire constituency but were able to compare it with other similarly sized constituencies in Cumbria; they concluded that this was a natural consequence of sparsely populated rural areas and noted, as mentioned above, support offered for the make-up of this constituency. We therefore also make no revisions to the initial proposal for North Lancashire.

3.54 In the boroughs of Ribble Valley and Pendle, we noted that there was significant opposition to the initial proposals. In the Ribble Valley constituency, which currently has an electorate within the permitted range, we noted the opposition of several parish councils to the initial proposals, for example that of Chatburn Parish Council (BCE-30209), Grindleton Parish Council (BCE-30924), and Wilpshire Parish Council (BCE-22395). A recurrent theme among these representations was the concern that the communities within the existing Ribble Valley constituency would be divided between the North Lancashire, and Clitheroe and Colne constituencies. As stated by Nigel Evans, the Member of Parliament for Ribble Valley (BCE-40208), 'I have studied the submissions made by the people of the Ribble Valley – these vary from members of the public to clerks of Parish Councils. The overarching theme of the comments is that they do not wish to see the Ribble Valley disappear because they share an affiliation and a community

spirit with the area. Residents of Clitheroe do not share the same interests and identity as residents of Colne. In the same way, a person living in Gisburn does not consider him or herself to be part of the same area as a person from Silverdale.’ Other comments, such as that from Stuart McIntosh (BCE-15976), expressed concern at being included in such a large constituency (the proposed North Lancashire constituency) with no focal point. In his representation, he commented: ‘The size somewhat concerns me as it would take more than an 100 minutes to drive from the west most point (what do people in our fell-side and hilly region of the Hodder Valley have much in common with the flatlands of Knott End on Sea on the Fylde coast?) to the east most point (Horton / West Marton) within the constituency and an hour to drive from north to south (Bartle south of the M55 by Preston to Leek by Kirby Lonsdale in South Lakelands in Cumbria).’

3.55 Representations commenting on the proposed Clitheroe and Colne constituency were critical of the shape, with some respondents, such as Susan Barker (BCE-35777), stating ‘I cannot understand why a long narrow constituency along the A59 has been proposed’, and Jeff Barnett (BCE-28090) commenting that ‘A long thin area will lead to inefficient governance, with relatively polarised interests from geographically remote locations.’ These concerns were also shared by residents of the existing Pendle constituency, of which several wards were proposed to be transferred to the Clitheroe and Colne constituency in the initial proposals. Conner French (BCE-23419) questioned the ability of an MP to effectively ‘represent their local people when the constituency

is spread so far along.’ Other criticisms included the opposition to the breaking of ties within the constituency, such as from Susan Sunderland (BCE-17452) who commented: ‘I object most strongly to the proposed changes as I feel that community links will be broken. At the moment I can identify with the constituency where I live which is Pendle. My council tax is paid to Pendle Borough Council which provides the necessary local authority services.’ Hilary McAdam (BCE-14906) stated ‘In what way does it make sense to split up a continuous urban area which has existed as a functioning borough with a clear common identity for almost 50 years?’

3.56 We also received a letter writing campaign (BCE-33232) containing some 570 signatories that encouraged the Commission to use the configuration suggested at the revised proposals stage of the abandoned 2013 Review as a starting point, in which all of the Pendle local authority area was contained within a single constituency and the two wards of Briercliffe, and Cliviger with Worsthorne from Burnley Borough were added to the constituencies. Andrew Stephenson MP (BCE-30393), the Member of Parliament for Pendle, echoed these sentiments in his representation.

3.57 We received many representations in support of the proposed Accrington constituency, such as those from Councillor Jeffrey Scales (BCE-19290), James Cheverton (BCE-24413) and Megan McCann (BCE-18686). Many of these representations also supported the constituency name, such as Abdul Khan (BCE-19324) who remarked: ‘I feel that the Accrington name has its history and heritage and the constituency

name which includes Accrington will be more acceptable to the people living in Accrington and its surrounding districts.’ Several other representations, while in support of the configuration of the constituency, did not support the name ‘Accrington’. The Borough of Hyndburn Council (BCE-30834) considered that the name ‘wouldn’t reflect the main population centres in the area.’ Warren Melia (BCE-26453) expressed a wish for the constituency to retain the name Hyndburn. In his representation, the Member of Parliament for Hyndburn, Graham Jones MP (BCE-33470), expressed his support for the initial proposals but commented that: ‘The one anomaly in the Accrington and Padiham seat is the Burnley ward of Coalclough with Deerplay. It does not sit well in the new seat. It will be difficult for people in Coalclough with Deerplay to get to Accrington. It is Burnley and therefore it places an extra civic demand on an MP. It is not connected directly by road to the rest of Accrington. Rosegrove with Lowerhouse is far better connected. Rosegrove has a rail station three stops from Accrington station as well as direct buses along Accrington Road. Lowerhouse is on the edge of Padiham and provides for a better constituency.’

3.58 We noted that representations were received both in support and opposition to the initial proposals in respect of the Burnley constituency. Many constituents in the town of Nelson objected to the proposals, preferring to remain in a Pendle constituency, such as Councillor Hassan Mahmood (BCE-22223) who described the division of the Pendle constituency as ‘wrong’.

3.59 Other respondents, such as Burnley Borough Council (BCE-24228), stated in their representation that ‘the 2016 proposals are a significant improvement on those put forward in 2012. Whilst it would have been clearly preferable to retain the current coterminous boundary between the district council and the Parliamentary constituency, the 2016 proposals do at least keep the main towns of Burnley and Padiham largely intact.’ Julie Cooper, the Member of Parliament for Burnley (BCE-18884), expressed regret that the constituency was being altered but commented that ‘The proposal keeps the towns of Nelson, Colne, Accrington and Blackburn intact and only one ward in the town of Burnley is excluded from the new constituency of Burnley.’

3.60 Some representations opposed the division of Bamber Bridge, noting that, while the Bamber Bridge East ward was included in the proposed Clitheroe and Colne constituency, the Bamber Bridge West ward was proposed to be transferred to the South Ribble constituency. Respondents such as Jonathan Stansby (BCE-16857) and Jack Robinson (BCE-18665) proposed the transfer of Bamber Bridge East ward into the South Ribble constituency, as doing so would leave both constituencies still within the permitted electorate range. Others, such as Rob Kinnon-Brett (BCE-19137 and BCE-33648), suggest that in addition to the transfer of Bamber Bridge East to South Ribble constituency, that the Walton-le-Dale East ward should be transferred to Clitheroe and Colne.

3.61 Our assistant commissioners investigated the counter-proposals that had been put forward. Many counter-proposals for the Ribble Valley constituency, including that of the Conservative Party (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902), Terry Largan (BCE-30392 and BCE-40907) and one configuration submitted by Aaron Fear (BCE-31190), suggested that the entirety of the Ribble Valley Borough area should be contained within a single constituency and should be joined with several wards from the Hyndburn Borough (with differing wards from this district proposed to join the constituency in each counter-proposal) in a Ribble Valley and Hyndburn West constituency or, in the case of Aaron Fear, Ribble Valley and Accrington West. We noted that several representations from within Ribble Valley Borough supported the proposals of the Conservative Party, but also that some representations from within Hyndburn Borough objected to any proposal that included it in a constituency with Ribble Valley.

3.62 As part of their investigations, our assistant commissioners noted that many of the counter-proposals suggested a constituency that contains the whole of Pendle Borough in a single constituency with the transfer of either two or three wards from Burnley Borough into the constituency. While our assistant commissioners appreciated that these proposed constituencies would be popular locally, they considered that this pattern of constituencies would require consequential changes to constituencies across the county, including modifications to the proposed constituencies of Lancaster and Morecambe, North Lancashire, Preston, and Accrington.

3.63 Our assistant commissioners noted the submissions that had objected to the configuration of the proposed Clitheroe and Colne constituency, many of which commented that it was not possible to travel easily across the constituency. In light of representations received the assistant commissioners visited the area. Beginning in Preston town centre, and primarily using the A59 to travel through the constituency, our assistant commissioners observed that many of the towns that lie within the proposed constituency had a similar feel, including Barnoldswick and Colne, which are part of the Pendle local authority area. They also observed that, while it is not possible to traverse the whole constituency on major trunk roads without exiting into the proposed North Lancashire constituency, they did not consider this an issue with alternative routes available around Pendle Hill.

3.64 Our assistant commissioners did consider that persuasive evidence had been received to unite the Bamber Bridge area in the South Ribble constituency. They noted that the Bamber Bridge East ward can be transferred to the South Ribble constituency (thus uniting the area in a single constituency) without consequent changes being required elsewhere. They recommended this modification be included in our revised proposals, and we agreed with them. They also suggested that the proposed Clitheroe and Colne constituency would be more appropriately named Pendle and Ribble Valley due to the constituency containing numerous wards from both local authorities. We agree with this suggestion.

3.65 In light of the evidence provided regarding the access of constituents within the Coal Clough with Deerplay ward to the rest of the Accrington constituency, our assistant commissioners investigated the counter-proposals received. They were persuaded by the argument that the Rosegrove with Lowerhouse ward has superior community links to the constituency and agreed with the view that residents within the Coal Clough with Deerplay ward would look more to Burnley for its services. Therefore, they suggested that these two wards be exchanged between the Accrington and Burnley constituencies. They further considered that the evidence of the representations supported the view that the name Accrington would effectively represent the constituency, and have suggested that this remain unchanged. Therefore, they recommended to us revised boundaries for the constituencies of Accrington and Burnley. Having considered the evidence we agree with the recommendation of our assistant commissioners.

3.66 We noted that relatively few representations were received in reference to the proposed constituencies of Preston, Blackburn, and Rossendale and Darwen, with most representations broadly in support of the initial proposals.

3.67 The initial proposals for the Blackburn constituency, which was altered by the inclusion of a single ward, was supported by the political parties and by other respondents such as Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (BCE-30983) and by Ewood Community Association (BCE-20294). As this constituency was mainly supported, our assistant commissioners recommended to us that

it should remain unchanged, and we concurred. Similarly, the initial proposal for Rossendale and Darwen was broadly supported, including by the political parties who submitted a response to the consultation. Rossendale Borough Council (BCE-26416) commended the proposals as ‘wholly acceptable’ and remarked that the council’s cross-party Consultation Working Group ‘fully support the proposals for Rossendale as it will make greater common sense to the community.’ As such we accept the assistant commissioners’ recommendation for the retention of the initial proposal for this constituency.

3.68 Our assistant commissioners highlighted support for the Preston constituency in the representations from Sam Charlton (BCE-17222) who described the inclusion of the Fulwood area in the constituency as ‘an entirely logical and acceptable addition to the constituency’, and from Maureen Robinson (BCE-16001) who stated: ‘I am pleased to see the proposals end the current artificial inclusion of parts of North Preston into the Wyre constituency. Their inclusion into the Preston constituency reflects their more natural community affinities and provides an opportunity to present a more cohesive view of the needs of the city.’ We noted that proposals that do not support our pattern of constituencies in the north of Lancashire link the Fulwood area to Lancaster as part of a reconfiguration of constituencies elsewhere in the county. As previously outlined earlier in this report, we were not minded to recommend changes to our proposed North Lancashire constituency. Therefore, we propose no changes to our proposed Preston constituency.

3.69 On the Fylde, and in respect of the Blackpool North and Fleetwood, Blackpool South, and Fylde constituencies, we noted that the principal issue of contention in relation to the initial proposals was the division of the town of St. Annes between constituencies. Our suggestion that the St. Leonards and Kilnhouse wards be transferred to a Blackpool South constituency was met with widespread opposition. As well as the division of the community, many respondents remarked that they felt no affinity to Blackpool, and did not share many common interests with their people. Some respondents such as Julia Teanter (BCE-28519) spoke of the physical division between the community of St. Annes and Blackpool due to the presence of Blackpool International Airport. In their representation, Fylde Council (BCE-19349) outlined their opposition to the division of Fylde Borough across constituencies, as did many individual respondents.

3.70 The original counter-proposal of Oliver Raven (BCE-27877) was the same as the initial proposals (aside from the name of the Blackpool South constituency), but with the inclusion of the Kilnhouse ward in the Fylde constituency. As this results in the continued division of St. Annes between constituencies, with one ward being isolated from the remainder of the constituency, our assistant commissioners did not recommend this counter-proposal to us as they considered it did not better reflect the statutory criteria, and we agreed with them. In his second counter-proposal (BCE-39493), Mr Raven includes both wards in a Fylde constituency, but our assistant commissioners considered that

his proposed Carnforth and Garstang, and Fylde constituencies did not better reflect the statutory factors, and did not recommend this counter-proposal to us.

3.71 We received a letter writing campaign (BCE-33226) containing 20 signatories, that proposed an alternative arrangement of constituencies that would result in the Fylde local authority area being wholly contained in a single constituency. We noted that many more individuals also supported this configuration, including Mark Menzies (BCE-30876), the Member of Parliament for Fylde. This proposal would also transfer the two wards of Breck and Carleton into the Blackpool North and Fleetwood constituency, and additionally include the Warbreck ward in the Blackpool South constituency, and was identical to the counter-proposal of the Conservative Party (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902). As part of their investigations of the counter-proposals, our assistant commissioners noted that, under these proposals, Poulton-le-Fylde would be divided between constituencies.

3.72 In his submission, Terry Largan (BCE-30392 and BCE-40907) amended the initial proposals and avoided the division of Poulton-le-Fylde by the inclusion of the Hambleton & Stalmine, and Preesall wards in the Blackpool North and Fleetwood constituency. He also proposed the transfer of the Warbreck ward from the Blackpool North and Fleetwood constituency, which he renamed Blackpool North and Wyre, to the Blackpool South constituency. Terry Largan accepted that the River Wyre forms a physical boundary in the north of his proposed Blackpool

North and Wyre constituency but noted ‘there is a ferry service for visitors and locals between Fleetwood and Knott End, which takes less than 10 minutes; so Over Wyre is not strictly detached.’ The assistant commissioners considered the merits of this counter-proposal, noting that it restores ties in St. Annes, and includes all four Poulton-le-Fylde wards in a single constituency. However, this counter-proposal would require a number of consequential changes to constituencies across Lancashire, including the proposed North Lancashire constituency. Our assistant commissioners did not consider that persuasive evidence had been received to recommend this proposal.

3.73 The counter-proposals of Aaron Fear (BCE-31190 and BCE-40972) also united Poulton-le-Fylde into a single constituency. However, in his original submission, he included the two wards of Larches and Ingol (from the existing Preston constituency) in a Fylde constituency and in his alternative configuration, he included the Preston Rural North and Preston Rural East wards (from the existing Wyre and Preston North constituency) in a Fylde constituency. These counter-proposals would also require a number of consequential changes in Lancashire, and the assistant commissioners did not consider persuasive evidence had been received to recommend these proposals.

3.74 After considering the counter-proposals received, our assistant commissioners recommended the counter-proposal submitted in the letter-writing campaign (BCE-33226), which was identical to that of the Conservative

Party. They noted that this would divide the town of Poulton-le-Fylde between constituencies but were persuaded by the evidence illustrating the division of St. Annes, as well as noting the physical division between the Kilnhouse and St. Leonard’s wards and Blackpool, due to the presence of the airport. They noted too that the airport itself is situated in St. Annes parish. We considered that persuasive evidence had been received to support the recommended counter-proposal, particularly in regard to the St. Annes area, despite the fact that we, like the assistant commissioners, were mindful of the impact on the town of Poulton-le-Fylde. We therefore accepted the assistant commissioners’ recommendations for the revised constituencies of Blackpool North and Fleetwood, Blackpool South, and Fylde.

3.75 Aside from the division of the area of Bamber Bridge between constituencies as described earlier in this section, the proposed South Ribble constituency did not elicit substantial representations. Some respondents, such as Dennis Poole (BCE-14270) and Dave Wilson (BCE-19747), welcomed the inclusion of Lostock Hall in the constituency, citing poor links with Ribble Valley. In his representation, Dave Wilson stated: ‘Very pleased that Lostock Hall will return to South Ribble. In this area we have no links at all to the Ribble Valley area. To get to Clitheroe I have to catch two trains or two buses.’ Our assistant commissioners suggested that no further changes are made to this constituency, and we agree with their recommendation.

3.76 We recommended that the Chorley constituency remain unaltered in the initial proposals, and noted very few representations in reference to this constituency. We noted several representations that opposed the inclusion of the Eccleston and Mawdesley ward (from Chorley Borough) in the West Lancashire constituency. Councillor Martin Boardman (BCE-27426) stated that, ‘We believe we have stronger links with our neighbouring villages of Croston, Bretherton, Heskin and Charnock more so than we do with Parbold, Skelmersdale and Burscough.’ This view was supported by others such as Colin Freeman (BCE-18360), and Keith Cranfield (BCE-21224). Other respondents commented on the links between the ward and the Chorley constituency. Stuart Jamieson (BCE-19921) stated: ‘The proposal is to place our village of Eccleston in West Lancs. Talking to friends we know Chorley and its constituency, we know Leyland the main town in South Ribble.’ Martin Fisher (BCE-28141), who submitted a representation on behalf of the Chorley Rural West branch of the South Ribble constituency Labour Party, commented that ‘In the first instance it is submitted that the two wards should be kept in the same constituency as they have already been subject to change at the last review. If it is considered that the rules on the quota of electors precludes this option, then it is submitted that the Eccleston and Mawdesley ward should be placed on the Chorley constituency rather than the west Lancashire constituency.’

3.77 The counter-proposal of the Conservative Party (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902) supported this view, and included the Eccleston and Mawdesley ward in the

South Ribble constituency, noting that the West Lancashire constituency would only contain only wards from West Lancashire Borough, and that Chorley Borough would be divided between only two, rather than three constituencies.

3.78 Our assistant commissioners considered the evidence that had been presented advocating the inclusion of the Eccleston and Mawdesley ward in the South Ribble constituency. They noted that, due to the recommendations to unite the town of Bamber Bridge in the constituency, the addition of the ward in the South Ribble constituency would lead to the electorate being outside the permitted range. They considered that the ward could also be appropriately situated in the Chorley constituency, citing the aforementioned representations that would support this move, and noting that the ward is from Chorley local authority. They considered there to be multiple benefits of the transfer of the ward to the Chorley constituency: first, that the West Lancashire constituency would now be wholly contained within West Lancashire borough; second, that Chorley Borough would now only be divided between two, rather than three, constituencies as in the initial proposals; and third, that there are existing ties with the rest of the Chorley constituency. For these reasons they recommended the transfer of this ward into the constituency, and we agree with them.

3.79 The assistant commissioners did not suggest any further changes to constituencies in Lancashire. The issue of the three West Lancashire Borough wards being included in a cross-county Southport constituency is examined further in the Merseyside section of our report.

Merseyside (less the Wirral)

3.80 Of the eleven constituencies within this sub-region, four have electorates that are currently within the permitted electorate range. Under our initial proposals, we proposed to reduce the number of constituencies within this sub-region by one, down to 10, due to its entitlement to 9.94 constituencies, and retained unchanged the four constituencies currently within the permitted electorate range: Knowsley, Garston and Halewood, St. Helens South and Whiston, and St. Helens North.

3.81 Elsewhere in Merseyside, we proposed that the Liverpool Wavertree, Liverpool West Derby, and Liverpool Riverside constituencies should undergo minor alterations to bring these constituencies to within 5% of the electoral quota.

3.82 We then suggested crossing the Merseyside and Lancashire county boundary by incorporating into the proposed Southport constituency the three West Lancashire Borough wards of North Meols, Hesketh-with-Becconsall, and Tarleton, thereby allowing the town of Formby to remain undivided and allowing for more of the town of Crosby to be contained within the reconfigured Sefton Central constituency.

3.83 The initial proposals for the Merseyside sub-region were supported in full by the Labour Party, the Conservative Party, and the Liberal Democrat Party. Our assistant commissioners recognised that the Merseyside sub-region initial proposals generated only a relatively

small number of representations and few counter-proposals. They also noted some representations expressed objections to the principle of the review, rather than to specific proposals.

3.84 In the four unchanged constituencies of Knowsley, Garston and Halewood, St. Helens South and Whiston, and St. Helens North, representations largely welcomed the retention of their current composition; for example, Robert Sawle (BCE-23010) and John Sheffield (BCE-21765) both supported these proposals. However, some respondents did express concerns at the continued division of the town of Prescott between the Knowsley, and St. Helen's South and Whiston constituencies. By way of example, Danielle Mulvaney (BCE-15205) commented: 'I feel strongly that the wards of Whiston and Prescott should not be split up into two different voting constituencies as it ignores the reality of the situation on the ground.' This position was echoed by Mark Burke (BCE-24638) who remarked: 'Why would a town be split right down its centre. It makes no sense. Prescott must not be split.'

3.85 Few representations were received in reference to the Liverpool Riverside, Liverpool West Derby, and Liverpool Wavertree constituencies. We noted support for the initial proposals from respondents such as Mark Cotterell (BCE-27673), and Joseph Fitzpatrick (BCE-17906). Stephanie Pitchers (BCE-33972), Tom Crone (BCE-27366) and Councillor Lawrence Brown (BCE-27339) did object to the transfer of the Greenbank ward from Liverpool Riverside to Liverpool Wavertree. However, other respondents

such as Joseph Fitzpatrick (BCE-17906) argued that the ‘expansion of Wavertree at the expense of Riverside makes no tangible difference’ to residents of Greenbank ward. Having considered the issue, the assistant commissioners did not consider the objections compelling enough to modify the initial proposals. We agreed with them.

3.86 Our assistant commissioners noted that the cross-county Southport constituency was largely supported, including by the Labour, Liberal Democrat, and Conservative parties, and also by members of the public such as David Raynor (BCE-19856), Lorraine Cole (BCE-16305) and David Jones (BCE-22518). Mr Jones noted that the three Lancashire wards looked more to Southport than Preston, and that many people within these parishes ‘regard Southport as their local town.’ Harry Bliss (BCE-18157), a Councillor for Cambridge ward, supported the proposals having observed that extending the constituency southwards could lead to Formby being divided across two constituencies, and extending eastwards would lead to unnecessary changes in West Lancashire. There was some opposition to the proposals, namely from residents living within the three West Lancashire Borough wards, such as Gill Corcoran (BCE-20225) and Nigel Lewis (BCE-24186). They considered that the rural communities of the Lancashire wards had different needs to the town of Southport, and were also uneasy about belonging to a constituency divided between two local authorities. The assistant commissioners noted that there were configurations, such as the one proposed by Aaron Fear (BCE-31190 and BCE-40972), that did not cross the county boundary with

Lancashire, and would result in the constituency being formed of only one local authority. However, this resulted in the issues highlighted by Councillor Bliss, which were the division of Formby and a mass reconfiguration of constituencies in Lancashire. Our assistant commissioners therefore recommended to us that this counter-proposal should not be adopted.

3.87 There was some concern over the proposal to redistribute the wards of the historic Liverpool, Walton constituency. David Spriggs (BCE-20817) said that ‘the breakup of Liverpool, Walton will be one of the biggest mistakes and a devastating blow to all in Liverpool, Walton and its wards’. Most of the objection was centred on the redistribution of Liverpool, Walton’s wards into neighbouring constituencies outside of the city boundaries, in particular the Bootle constituency. Zoe O’Brien (BCE-18394), Clare Wilkinson (BCE-18001) and Elaine O’Callaghan (BCE-17992) all opposed the transfer of the ward from Liverpool, Walton to Bootle. Ms O’Callaghan felt that Liverpool, Walton would lose its identity under the proposed boundary changes and argued that the constituency is ‘almost totally residential which makes it different to Bootle which encompasses the dock area thus having different needs.’ The assistant commissioners noted this concern but also observed that, considered alone, the proposed Bootle and Sefton Central constituencies drew a limited response. Given that Merseyside has to lose a constituency, the assistant commissioners were insufficiently swayed by the arguments to preserve the existing Liverpool, Walton constituency.

3.88 In light of the support for the initial proposals, assistant commissioners recommended that the initial proposals for all 10 constituencies should be unchanged. They considered that the counter-proposals received would result in dividing communities and changes to existing constituencies which could otherwise be unchanged. They considered that persuasive evidence had been received in support of the initial proposals. We agree with the recommendation from the assistant commissioners and have decided not to modify the initial proposals in the Merseyside sub-region.

Greater Manchester, Wirral, and Cheshire

Greater Manchester

3.89 Of the 27 existing constituencies within Greater Manchester, 11 have electorates that are currently within the permitted electorate range.

3.90 Since the electorates of many constituencies in the western and central Greater Manchester areas were within the permitted electorate range, in our initial proposals we sought to retain as many of these constituencies unchanged as possible. This resulted in the Wigan, Makerfield, Leigh, Worsley and Eccles South, Salford and Eccles, Blackley and Broughton, Manchester Gorton, Manchester Withington, and Wythenshawe and Sale East constituencies being wholly unchanged. The constituency of Manchester Central was amended only by the necessary removal of a single ward (Moston).

3.91 We further proposed that the Bucklow-St. Martin's ward, from the existing Stretford and Urmston constituency, should be included in our Altrincham and Tatton Park constituency, which crossed the county boundary between Greater Manchester and Cheshire. As a result of changes elsewhere, we recommended that the two western Sale town wards of Ashton upon Mersey and St. Mary's should be included in the Stretford and Urmston constituency.

3.92 Under our initial proposals we suggested more significant changes to the constituencies within the boroughs of Bolton and Bury. We included the Halliwell ward in a Bolton West constituency, and the Rumworth and Great Lever wards in a Bolton North East constituency, in order to increase the electorates of both constituencies to within the permitted electorate range. We proposed that the existing Bury North constituency, which required an increase in electors, would include the Radcliffe East ward, and suggested that, as a result of changes elsewhere, it would be more appropriate to name this constituency Bury. This led us to create a new constituency called Farnworth, comprising five Borough of Bolton wards and three Borough of Bury wards.

3.93 We noted that the electorates of both the existing Heywood and Middleton (75,880) and Rochdale (72,530) constituencies were within the permitted electorate range, but we recommended changes to these constituencies in order to accommodate changes elsewhere. We proposed a Prestwich and Middleton constituency that contained five wards

each from the boroughs of Rochdale and Bury. We considered that this configuration allowed the towns of Prestwich and Middleton to be undivided. We proposed that the Rochdale constituency should be reconfigured, so that it included the whole of the town centre (which is currently divided between constituencies), and most of the town of Heywood.

3.94 In our initial proposals, we suggested that a new, moor-based constituency called Littleborough and Saddleworth should be formed from the rural areas of the east of the boroughs of Oldham and Rochdale, drawing five wards from each. We also suggested an Oldham constituency containing much of the town in a single compact, urban constituency, which also included the ward of Moston from the existing Manchester Central constituency. Further south from Oldham, we proposed a Failsworth and Droylsden constituency that contained wards from four existing constituencies, but from only two local authorities. We acknowledged the irregular shape of this constituency, but felt that other configurations would not better reflect the statutory factors. The Ashton-under-Lyne constituency, which was reconfigured to extend eastwards in our initial proposals, included the towns of Stalybridge and Mossley.

3.95 We recommended that the Marple and Hyde constituency should include wards from the Borough of Stockport and the Borough of Tameside, and noted that the A560 provided a link across the two boroughs. We suggested that the core of the existing Denton and Reddish constituency should be included in a Stockport North and Denton

constituency, and that in the south, Cheadle Hulme and Cheadle would remain together in a new Stockport South and Cheadle constituency.

3.96 The reduction in the number of constituencies and the entitlements to constituencies in both Greater Manchester (25.37) and Cheshire (10.34) meant that it was necessary to cross the county boundary to create acceptable constituencies, and we recommended that this be done in two areas. Firstly, in the southern part of Stockport, five wards including the towns of Bramhall and Hazel Grove would be included in a constituency with wards from the existing Macclesfield and Tatton constituencies in Cheshire, embracing the towns of Poynton, Disley and Handforth. We suggested that this constituency should be called Bramhall and Poynton. The second proposed cross-county constituency, Altrincham and Tatton Park, will be examined in further detail later in this report.

3.97 Our assistant commissioners considered that there were competing approaches to the creation of constituencies in Greater Manchester. Some respondents considered that many existing constituencies could be largely unchanged, and modifications could be made elsewhere in areas where many constituencies did not meet the electorate requirements. Conversely, some respondents considered that those constituencies which did not require change could be modified, so that those constituencies outside the permitted electorate range could be changed to a lesser degree. In assessing the counter-proposals received, assistant

commissioners considered that changes to constituencies should primarily occur where the need arises due to the electorate falling outside the permitted range, and have kept this in mind when considering their revised proposal recommendations.

3.98 In response to the consultation on the initial proposals, the Labour Party (BCE-40903) supported the initial proposals for Greater Manchester in full. However, they did note that ties had been broken in some areas such as in Royton, and encouraged the Commission to consider modifications that could restore these ties without adopting wholesale changes across the county.

3.99 The Liberal Democrat Party (BCE-29373) did not submit counter-proposals for any constituencies within Greater Manchester, but expressed concerns about the parish of Saddleworth being divided between constituencies. They also commented that ‘the proposals around the north east of Greater Manchester are not ideal.’ They noted, however, that this configuration allowed for a ‘sensible’ distribution of seats across the remainder of the county.

3.100 The Conservative Party (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902) supported the constituencies of Ashton-under-Lyne, Leigh, Makerfield, Manchester Withington, Marple and Hyde, Wigan, Worsley and Eccles South, and Wythenshawe and Sale East. They submitted counter-proposals for all of the remaining constituencies in Greater Manchester.

3.101 The North West Green Party (BCE-29032) proposed some modifications to constituencies in the Stockport area on day one of the Manchester public hearing. This however was subsequently withdrawn and, in their final submission to the consultation on the initial proposals, the Green Party supported the initial proposals in full.

3.102 Our proposals for unchanged constituencies for Wigan, Makerfield, Leigh, and Worsley and Eccles South did not generate many representations, with respondents largely supporting these constituencies, for example that from Yvonne Fovargue (BCE-24032), the Member of Parliament for Makerfield, who supported the constituencies of Leigh, Makerfield, and Wigan.

3.103 In the Borough of Bolton, representations were received that expressed both support and opposition to our initial proposals. The Conservative Party (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902) submitted a counter-proposal that recreated the Bolton South East constituency, including the Atherton ward (from Wigan Borough) that we had proposed be included in a Bolton West constituency. Under their proposal, the reconfigured Bolton West constituency would instead include the Astley Bridge ward from the existing Bolton North East, while the Bolton South East constituency would contain the Great Lever and Rumworth wards due to their ‘close ties to Hulton, Harper Green and Farnworth.’

3.104 The Member of Parliament for Bolton North East, Sir David Crausby, (BCE-27153) supported the initial proposals for Bolton, and disagreed with the counter-proposals put forward by the Conservative Party, commenting that: ‘the only choice to bring Bolton West to the right size is to add Halliwell ward. This ward has previously been a part of Bolton West, and had good transport links with the rest constituency, sharing Chorley Old Road, and Chorley New Road.’

3.105 Other representations also disagreed with the assertions of the Conservative Party proposal, such as Julie Hilling, the former Member of Parliament for Bolton West (BCE-32653) who, on day two of the Liverpool public hearing, remarked that: ‘If Atherton has to be an orphan ward, and clearly with the size of Wigan borough there is one ward that has to be orphan and Bolton West has been an orphan ward since 2010, it is better from my opinion to stay with similar towns. Atherton is in with Westhoughton, Horwich, Blackrod, all towns that feel neglected by the big Bolton or the big Wigan. There is similar housing. The communities are sort of terraced housing in the middle, going out to council estates and then getting out to ever larger houses on the outskirts of the towns.’ She went on to say ‘There is no link between the rest of Bolton West and Astley Bridge. In fact, I had to look on a map to see where Astley Bridge actually would be.’ Similar sentiments were also echoed by Anne Connolly (BCE-39552).

3.106 Our proposed Farnworth constituency drew some criticism from respondents. Representations opposed to this constituency focused on the division

of communities in areas such as Radcliffe and Whitefield; for example, Kath Horwill (BCE-18557), and Keith Jump (BCE-34416). Others, such as Yasmin Qureshi, the Member of Parliament for Bolton South East (BCE-32059), opposed the breaking of ties between Rumworth and Great Lever, Harper Green, and Farnworth, stating that the residents of Rumworth and Great Lever ‘have relatives and families who have gone out into Harper Green, Farnworth, Carlton and even parts of Kearsley.’ In her oral representation, Ms Qureshi further stated there was a ‘connection’ between the Tonge and Great Lever wards.

3.107 Andrew Teale (BCE-24940) submitted a representation supporting the inclusion of the towns of Radcliffe and Farnworth in one constituency, but suggested some modifications to the Farnworth, Prestwich and Middleton, and Bury constituencies that would avoid the division of the town of Radcliffe. In his submission, Andrew Teale proposed three alterations to the configurations of constituencies suggested in the initial proposals. He proposed that the Radcliffe East ward, rather than being included in Bury, should be placed in a Radcliffe and Farnworth constituency; that the Pilkington Park ward should be transferred to a Prestwich and Middleton constituency; and finally, that the Unsworth ward should be transferred to a Bury constituency. This counter-proposal resulted in the three constituencies of Radcliffe and Farnworth, Prestwich and Middleton, and Bury with electorates of 72,031, 77,122, and 71,594 respectively, and thus all within the permitted electorate range. This configuration of constituencies was also proposed by

Ian Derek Walsh (BCE-14704) and was supported by Sir David Crausby MP (BCE-37278) in his representation to the secondary consultation.

3.108 Aaron Fear (BCE-31190 and BCE-40972) suggested the same configuration of the Farnworth and Bury constituencies (albeit with alternative constituency names), and considered that should we be minded to reject his proposals for a constituency in this area that would cross the borough boundary into Salford, then the Pilkington Park ward could be transferred to Prestwich and Middleton, thereby re-uniting the towns of Radcliffe and Whitefield.

3.109 After carefully assessing the evidence, our assistant commissioners recommended that we retain the initial proposals for the constituencies of Bolton North East and Bolton West, considering that other arrangements for these two constituencies did not better reflect the statutory factors. In view of the division of the town of Radcliffe in the Borough of Bury, our assistant commissioners recommended to us that the counter-proposal of Andrew Teale, which was also submitted by others, should be adopted in order to minimise the splitting of communities. In light of the re-unification of the town of Radcliffe, and as suggested in some representations to recognise the area from Bury Borough that is included in this constituency, the assistant commissioners recommended that the constituency should be called Farnworth and Radcliffe. We accept this recommendation.

3.110 Our assistant commissioners acknowledged that many representations from respondents within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council area expressed concerns about being included in a Failsworth and Droylsden constituency with residents from Tameside, to which they felt no connection. Some people such as Philippa Whittaker (BCE-26547), and Peter White (BCE-19218), also commented on the fact that this constituency is divided by the M60 motorway. In addition, under the initial proposals, the town of Royton had been divided between constituencies, and we received several representations declaring opposition to any such proposal, such as from Jenny Webster (BCE-18297), Andy Syddall (BCE-15413), and Andrew Hunter-Rossall (BCE-29260), who provided a representation on behalf of the Oldham and Saddleworth Green Party.

3.111 In the Borough of Rochdale, we received objections to the modification of the Heywood and Middleton, and Rochdale constituencies, which as previously mentioned, were both within the permitted electorate range; for example from Katherine Fish (BCE-22596), Gillian Burton (BCE-17272), Pearl Naylor (BCE-29796), Simon Danczuk, the former MP for Rochdale (BCE-30975), and Rochdale Borough Council (BCE-29504). Many of the respondents proposed that both constituencies should remain unaltered, but did not address how neighbouring constituencies could be modified to bring them within the permitted electorate range.

3.112 Our proposed Littleborough and Saddleworth constituency drew a varied response. We noted that several representations expressed concerns at the combining of the two towns into one constituency, such as that from Gaynor Smith (BCE-19713) who remarked: ‘Putting Littleborough and Saddleworth together is wrong. One has Rochdale council the other has Oldham council. Different needs and expectations from the council when voting.’ There were others such as Ruby Holbrook (BCE-15533) who, in her representation, acknowledged that even though the demographics of Littleborough and Saddleworth were similar, linking the two would create a cross-borough constituency involving two different councils, and an area too large for an MP to effectively represent. We also noted a letter writing campaign with 197 signatories opposing the division of the town of Saddleworth between constituencies, due to the inclusion of the Saddleworth West and Lees ward in the proposed Failsworth and Droylsden constituency (BCE-33231).

3.113 However, we did receive some support for our proposed Littleborough and Saddleworth constituency, such as from Stephen Dawson (BCE-15665) who described the constituency as an ‘excellent’ idea, and from others such as Irene Watts (BCE-16005) and Melvyn Ratcliff (BCE-15057). Neil Allsopp (BCE-32342) welcomed the return of a Littleborough and Saddleworth constituency, but proposed a different configuration. Several respondents who supported the initial proposals did, however, also express concern at the division of the town of Saddleworth, and many put forward

counter-proposals that would transfer the Saddleworth West and Lees ward to the Littleborough and Saddleworth constituency.

3.114 Several respondents, such as Jamie Curley (BCE-19240), Luke Lancaster (BCE-26275), Aaron Rogers (BCE-26299) and others proposed the following modification to the initial proposals: that the Royton North ward be transferred from Littleborough and Saddleworth into Oldham; that the Saddleworth West and Lees ward be transferred from Failsworth and Droylsden to Littleborough and Saddleworth; that the Healey ward be transferred from Rochdale to Littleborough and Saddleworth; and that the Smallbridge and Firgrove ward be transferred from Littleborough and Saddleworth to Rochdale.

3.115 We also received other counter-proposals for the Rochdale Borough area. We received a counter-proposal from Terry Largan (BCE-30392 and BCE-40907) that was in many respects similar to that of the initial proposals, but with some alterations. Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council, in its counter-proposal submitted by Councillor Jean Stretton (BCE-30404), sought to create two constituencies wholly within the borough. This proposal was supported by various individuals such as Stephen Lees (BCE-34141), and the principle of which was supported by others such as the Conservative Party (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902), the Member of Parliament for Oldham East and Saddleworth, Debbie Abrahams (BCE-29169 and BCE-32216), and the Member of Parliament for Oldham West

and Royton, Jim McMahon (BCE-29739, BCE-30395 and BCE-32780). David Heyes, a former Member of Parliament for Ashton-under-Lyne (BCE-32210 and BCE-28641), also put forward a counter-proposal that changed the Borough of Oldham minimally, but this counter-proposal would also require consequential changes to constituencies in Greater Manchester, some of which are currently within the permitted electorate range.

3.116 Our assistant commissioners considered the merits of counter-proposals that suggested this approach but determined that reconfiguring constituencies in this manner would have undesirable effects elsewhere in Greater Manchester and, as such, they did not recommend their adoption. We agreed with this recommendation.

3.117 In addition to lending his support to the proposals from Oldham Council, Jim McMahon MP suggested a 'least worst' alternative for consideration, which was self-contained and could be adopted without affecting neighbouring constituencies. In his counter-proposal, he suggested a three-way amendment to the proposed Littleborough and Saddleworth, Failsworth and Droylsden, and Oldham constituencies that would restore ties that had been broken in the towns of Royton and Saddleworth. Mr McMahon proposed that the Royton North ward should be transferred from the proposed Littleborough and Saddleworth constituency to the Oldham constituency, thus uniting the town of Royton, and that to offset the increase in electorate, that the St. Mary's ward be transferred to Failsworth and Droylsden. Failsworth and

Droylsden would then have an electorate that is too large, so the Saddleworth West and Lees ward could be transferred to Littleborough and Saddleworth, uniting the town of Saddleworth in one constituency. Our assistant commissioners considered that, while any arrangement in Oldham would be unlikely to be wholly satisfactory to all, Mr McMahon's counter-proposal, which reunifies two towns without adversely affecting neighbouring constituencies, demonstrated an improvement on the initial proposals, and recommended that this counter-proposal be included in the revised proposals. We agree with their suggestion.

3.118 Our assistant commissioners noted support for the Ashton-under-Lyne constituency, for example from Andrew Hey (BCE-18160) who said 'I feel that the demographics of the four towns in the constituency (Ashton/Dukinfield/Stalybridge/Mossley) group together quite well', although he suggested a change of name to Tameside North. They also acknowledged that this constituency was supported by all the political parties, and have recommended that we retain the initial proposals for this constituency, with which we agree.

3.119 We noted considerable support, including of a letter writing campaign with 46 signatories, as well as numerous individual written and oral representations for the Stockport North and Denton constituency, such as those from Joanne Muccio (BCE-18207), Fiona Mayer (BCE-18152) and Lynne Lowes (BCE-17902). Our assistant commissioners recommended no changes to the initial proposal for this constituency. We agree with their recommendation.

3.120 In respect of the Stockport South and Cheadle constituency, our assistant commissioners noted the concerns, such as those from Kathryn Young (BCE-17936), and Conrad Beard (BCE-28610), which were raised regarding the two wards of Heatons North and Heatons South being divided between constituencies. Our assistant commissioners also noted the objections of respondents surrounding the proposed Marple and Hyde constituency. Many respondents were concerned that the proposed constituency would contain electors from two different boroughs. Steve Nicklin (BCE-35527) commented ‘Each borough is significantly different from a demographic perspective, receives different funding from the government, has distinctly different issues to deal with and each has its own priorities in respect to spending’, and Brian Smith (BCE-16631) remarked ‘my main concern is one of ‘mixing up’ administrative and council boundaries within a single constituency.’

3.121 Our assistant commissioners were sympathetic to these views, and concurred that the division of Heatons North and Heatons South in separate constituencies was not ideal. However, they outlined to us that any amendments made in this area to our initial proposals would likely have far-reaching adverse effects elsewhere in the sub-region, and have suggested to us that the initial proposals should remain for these two constituencies, and we agreed.

3.122 Bearing in mind their intent to preserve as many constituencies unchanged as possible, and in light of the self-contained solutions to issues they were able to find elsewhere, our assistant commissioners recommended that we maintain the swathe of either wholly or

minimally altered constituencies of Wigan, Makerfield, Leigh, Worsley and Eccles South, Salford and Eccles, Blackley and Broughton, Manchester Gorton, Manchester Withington, and Wythenshawe and Sale East. They noted that several counter-proposals, for example that of the Conservative Party (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902), Aaron Fear (BCE-31190 and BCE-40972), Terry Largan (BCE-30392 and BCE-40907), Oliver Raven (BCE-27877 and BCE-39493) and David Heyes (BCE-28641) alter some of these constituencies in order to resolve issues elsewhere. Due to the knock-on effect these changes have to constituencies in the wider area, they recommended to us that these counter-proposals are not adopted, and we agree with them.

3.123 We noted several objections regarding the Bramhall and Poynton constituency, which crossed the Cheshire and Greater Manchester county boundary. In particular, many respondents from the town of Poynton conveyed their concerns about being included in a cross-county constituency, for example Tim Lilley (BCE-29587), who commented ‘Although we are close to Hazel Grove, we do not have affinity with Stockport, Bramhall or Handforth.’ This sentiment was echoed by others, such as Alvan Ikoku (BCE-28825) who stated ‘Poynton is a Cheshire settlement. Poyntonians’ look towards Cheshire and now Cheshire East for their corporate services’, and Alan Kendrick (BCE-26675) who remarked ‘Poynton is, and always has been, part of Cheshire and has its own unique identity, completely separate from the urban sprawl of Manchester.’ Some representations however did express support for the initial proposals, such as

from David Capener (BCE-26916) and Anna Rapotu (BCE-29376). The Conservative Party (BCE-40902), who had proposed a variation on the initial proposal for Bramhall and Poynton, acknowledged the opposition in Poynton to proposals to link the two areas, but remarked ‘we have not seen a satisfactory alternative for these wards.’

3.124 In response to the initial proposals, several representations objected to the division of the towns of Wilmslow and Handforth. We noted the representation from Wilmslow Town Council (BCE-26318), who indicated in their submission that, while they would prefer the town to be located in a constituency wholly within Cheshire, they would accept a proposal that keeps the town united in a single constituency. This view was also reflected by Cheshire East Council, who in their representation (BCE-27025) stated that: ‘Cheshire East Council wishes to express in the strongest terms the importance of Wilmslow Town and its surrounding villages (which have a shared strong sense of shared community identity and local ties) not being separated by constituency boundaries under any new arrangements.’ Members of the public, such as Thomas Buckby (BCE-24100) and Angela Ferguson (BCE-20418), echoed these sentiments.

3.125 Our assistant commissioners examined the evidence that had been presented to them and, after some deliberation, considered that the constituency that crosses the county boundary between Cheshire East and the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport could be improved. They noted significant opposition to our proposed Bramhall and Poynton constituency from residents of the three Cheshire East wards covering Disley

and Poynton, which are rural in character, and felt that being in a constituency with urban Greater Manchester wards would lead to their needs not being represented. They acknowledged too the opposition to the division of Wilmslow and Handforth between constituencies. In considering these objections the assistant commissioners identified a pattern of constituencies which would allow the Wilmslow area to be united in a single constituency, by including the Handforth and Wilmslow Dean Row wards, whilst simultaneously allowing the three wards containing the towns of Poynton and Disley to remain in Macclesfield – their current constituency. In addition to the aforementioned changes, they recommend that the remainder of the Bramhall and Poynton constituency wards as proposed in the initial proposals should be joined with the wards of Alderley Edge, Wilmslow East, Wilmslow Lacey Green, and Wilmslow West and Chorley, thus uniting Handforth and Wilmslow in a single constituency. Due to its configuration, they suggest that this new constituency is named Hazel Grove and Wilmslow. We acknowledge that this configuration had not been suggested in any counter-proposals and therefore invite and welcome comment on the suitability of this constituency. The assistant commissioners noted that the Conservative Party (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902) included these same six Cheshire wards in a cross-border constituency, albeit that those wards were combined with a different set of Stockport Borough wards, centred on Cheadle.

Wirral

3.126 Of the four existing constituencies in the Wirral, none are within the permitted electorate range. Under our initial proposals the number of constituencies in the Wirral was reduced by one to give the sub-region a total of three constituencies.

3.127 Two of the existing constituencies, Wallasey and Birkenhead, underwent minor changes, largely maintaining their current boundaries and gaining a ward each; the other two saw much more significant change. The existing constituencies of Wirral West and Wirral South were merged to create a Bebington and Heswall constituency, almost doubling the size of the constituency in geographic terms. Our initial proposals also proposed the inclusion of the Borough of Wirral ward of Eastham in our Ellesmere Port and Neston constituency, a mainly Cheshire constituency.

3.128 Our initial proposals for the Wirral were met with a large degree of support, but also some opposition. The Conservative Party (BCE-33246), Liberal Democrat Party (BCE-29373) and the majority of representations supported the configuration set out in the initial proposals. The counter-proposals we did receive were relatively limited in scope and suggested only minor changes to the overall configuration.

3.129 Most of the opposition centred around our proposed Bebington and Heswall constituency, with the vast majority of representations objecting to the proposed name of the constituency. Many considered that the proposed name did not accurately reference the composition

of the constituency. The Labour Party (BCE-40903) described the exclusion of Bebington ward as a ‘serious anomaly’ and, along with the Conservative Party and Liberal Democrats, cited this as their main point of contention for proposals concerning the Wirral. In formulating our initial proposals, we recognised that excluding Bebington ward from Bebington and Heswall could prove to be an issue and noted in our initial proposals report that alternative suggestions for the name of the constituency were welcome.

3.130 Various suggestions were put forward for a more appropriate title, with many of them including the word ‘Wirral’ in some form. Mary Catherine Scott (BCE-18328) considered that the current name ‘only represented half of the current constituency and ignores the Deeside towns of Meols, Hoylake and West Kirby.’ To this end she suggested ‘something more inclusive’ such as West Wirral. This was popular with many including Michael Collins (BCE-34518) who supported our initial proposals but had similar reservations to Ms Scott. Other popular suggestions put forward were Wirral South, Wirral West and South, Wirral Deeside, and Deeside and Bromborough.

3.131 The Labour Party (BCE-31193) took the view that the configuration of the constituency should also change and suggested a counter-proposal which transferred Bebington ward to Bebington and Heswall, Upton ward to Birkenhead and included Hoylake and Meols ward in the Wallasey constituency. In doing this they recognised that a small part of West Kirby, included in the Hoylake and Meols ward, would be split from the rest of West Kirby but deemed it to be a better

outcome than having Bebington ward outside of Bebington and Heswall. Alison McGovern, the Member of Parliament for Wirral South (BCE-32680 and BCE-30891), pressed strongly for the initial proposals to be reconfigured to maintain the town of Bebington intact and indeed to maintain wider community links with Bromborough, New Ferry, Spital and Eastham. A few representations from residents of the Bebington and Upton wards supported the move suggested by the Labour Party. Steven Quinn (BCE-17271), a resident of Upton, was strongly opposed to being part of the Wallasey constituency, as set out in our initial proposals, and described Upton as being 'a suburb of Birkenhead.' Representations from Jonathan Stansby (BCE-16858), Mary Taylor (BCE-16975) and Gillian Hargreaves (BCE-20279) also cited poor links with Wallasey as reasons why Upton should be included with Birkenhead in a constituency. In Bebington ward, Keith Bidwell (BCE-17503) and Neil Gates (BCE-19429) both supported moving Bebington from the constituency of Birkenhead to Bebington and Heswall. However, there was significant opposition to including the Hoylake and Meols ward in the Wallasey constituency due to concerns over West Kirby being split. In her representation the Member of Parliament for Wirral West, Margaret Greenwood (BCE-30204 and BCE-32622), argued that 'It would make no sense to split West Kirby in two' and that 'There are strong cultural ties between West Kirby, Hoylake and Meols.' This view was shared by residents of Hoylake and Meols ward, such as Linda Platt (BCE-28898) and Hilary Catherall (BCE-18052), who stated that West Kirby had no connection with Moreton or Wallasey, and by the former Member of Parliament for Wirral West, Esther McVey (BCE-22574).

3.132 In their assessment of the Labour Party counter-proposal the assistant commissioners noted that there was an opposing argument which supported Upton moving into Wallasey. In her representation, Councillor Wendy Clements (BCE-20706) noted that Upton ward is currently in the Wirral West constituency, has clear and easy links with the proposed Wallasey constituency via Moreton West and Saughall Massie, and Moreton East and Leasowe wards, and is separated from the rest of the Birkenhead constituency by the M53 Motorway. Others, such as Councillor Stuart Kelly (BCE-24683), noted that 'it might have been possible to add Upton to Birkenhead but this would have meant that Hoylake would have had to have joined with Wallasey.' Hoylake and Meols ward is currently in the same constituency as the West Kirby and Thurstaston ward and the dividing line between the two wards runs straight through the town. A councillor for West Kirby and Thurstaston ward, Jeff Green (BCE-27187), argued that the communities of West Kirby and Hoylake are 'intrinsicly linked' with the majority of West Kirby town centre included within Hoylake and Meols ward. Councillor Green did not consider that the residents of Hoylake and Meols ward have any connection to the Wallasey constituency. In the interest of preserving local ties, and changing as little as possible, the assistant commissioners considered that the Labour counter-proposal was too radical, especially as there were schemes that addressed the concerns over Bebington and Heswall with far less disruption.

3.133 Another large point of contention in the Wirral was the proposal to cross the county boundary between the Wirral and Cheshire. Such a move was necessary in order to ensure that the Wirral constituencies were within 5% of the electoral quota and, of the options available, we considered that moving Eastham ward into Ellesmere Port and Neston was the best place to do this. Representations from Mark Ashley (BCE-15365), Colin Matthews (BCE-15053) and Dara Morad (BCE-23778) all argued that, as a part of the Wirral, Eastham ward should be represented by a Wirral MP. The assistant commissioners recognised that there were strong objections to our proposal from residents of Eastham ward but did not consider that any persuasive counter-proposals were received which allowed the Eastham ward to be included in a Wirral constituency. The assistant commissioners were minded therefore to recommend that Eastham ward should remain in the Ellesmere Port and Neston constituency, as set out in our initial proposals. We agree with their recommendation.

3.134 In light of the many representations received, the assistant commissioners recommended two amendments to the initial proposals for the Wirral. They agreed with the concerns over the composition of the proposed Bebington and Heswall constituency. Rather than simply renaming the constituency, the assistant commissioners recommended that the Bebington ward should be included in the Bebington and Heswall constituency and that Bromborough ward be transferred from the proposed Bebington and Heswall constituency into Birkenhead. The assistant commissioners believed this was

a much simpler solution to the problem than counter-proposals put forward by the Labour Party or individuals such as Colin Smith (BCE-21205), although they recognised that it was still not possible to maintain the close affinity between Bebington and Bromborough communities within a single constituency. We accept their recommendation.

Cheshire

3.135 Of the 11 existing constituencies within Cheshire, two have electorates that are currently within 5% of the electoral quota. Under our initial proposals, we proposed to reduce the number of constituencies within this sub-region from 11 to 10 due to its entitlement to 10.34 constituencies.

3.136 In our initial proposals, we suggested that three constituencies could remain largely unchanged, apart from a realignment to ensure they reflected changes to local government ward boundaries. Crewe and Nantwich, and Congleton already had electorates within the permitted electorate range and the City of Chester came into range once the entirety of Chester Villages ward, which is currently divided between constituencies, was included in the proposed constituency.

3.137 Many Cheshire constituencies only required the transfer of a single ward to bring them into the permitted electorate range. Ellesmere Port and Neston was also adjusted to reflect local government changes but, unlike the three unchanged constituencies, this was not sufficient to bring the electorate within the permitted electorate range. We therefore proposed that the Borough of Wirral ward of Eastham

be included in this constituency, which we considered to be part of the urban continuum between Bebington and Ellesmere Port. Our consideration on this in light of representations received is detailed above.

3.138 In the Borough of Halton, we noted that the current electorate figure for the Halton constituency was very close to the minimum required; the addition of a single ward, Halton Lea, brought the number of electors within range. Finally, we recognised that the Warrington constituencies could be contained wholly within their local authority area, and proposed a single ward change, Latchford East, to be transferred from Warrington South to Warrington North, in order to bring both constituencies into the permitted electorate range.

3.139 The reduction in constituencies, and the need for us to cross the Greater Manchester and Cheshire county boundary, led to significant changes for the remaining constituencies. In Weaver Vale we proposed a configuration that led to the constituency extending considerably further south, to the border with Wales. Halton Lea ward and the wards containing the town of Northwich were no longer included in the Weaver Vale constituency. To compensate for this loss, the constituency would then gain Marbury ward, from the existing Tatton constituency, and wards from the existing Eddisbury constituency, including Farndon and Gowy. In return, Eddisbury included the Northwich wards, and was renamed to Eddisbury and Northwich to reflect this. In addition to the town of Northwich, Eddisbury also included the Shakerley, and Witton and Rudheath, wards from

the existing Tatton constituency to form a constituency that extended further north.

3.140 On the border of Greater Manchester we proposed two constituencies that crossed the Greater Manchester and Cheshire county boundary: Bramhall and Poynton, and Altrincham and Tatton Park. The existing Macclesfield constituency would no longer include the areas in the north, around Poynton and Disley, but instead extend to the north-west to include the area around Wilmslow and Alderley Edge, as well as the Chelford ward from the existing Tatton constituency. The remaining Tatton wards of High Legh, Knutsford, and Mobberley, would then be included in a new cross-border constituency with eight Borough of Trafford wards, including the town of Altrincham.

3.141 In Cheshire, the reaction to our initial proposals was mixed. There was support for the constituencies bordering Merseyside as, on the whole, these underwent less change. These constituencies included Halton, Warrington North, and Warrington South. Crewe and Nantwich, and Congleton, in Cheshire East, were also generally supported.

3.142 The initial proposals for the Halton constituency which, with the exception of the addition of the Halton Lea ward, is otherwise unchanged, did not attract many representations. In their submission, the Labour Party (BCE-31193 and BCE-40903) suggested that the Beechwood ward, rather than Halton Lea (as suggested in the initial proposals), was the more appropriate ward to be transferred into the constituency. We noted there was support for the inclusion of Halton Lea in a Halton constituency,

such as from the Conservative Party (BCE-40902) who stated that: 'Any examination of a map would suggest the appropriate ward to move into Halton was Halton Lea with its ties to the Grange, Halton Brook, and Halton Castle wards.' Our assistant commissioners also noted support for the initial proposals for Halton from Shelagh Kearney (BCE-17003), and the former Member of Parliament for Weaver Vale, Graham Evans (BCE-26958), who pointed out that the ward of Halton Lea contained Runcorn Shopping City, and Halton's general hospital. Our assistant commissioners indicated to us that they did not feel alternative arrangements for the Halton constituency, such as the suggestion that the Windmill Hill ward should be added to the existing constituency as in some counter-proposals, better reflected the statutory factors, as they noted that the town park forms a physical barrier not present in the Halton Lea ward. As such, they have recommended that the initial proposal for Halton remain unaltered. They were, however, persuaded by the suggestion of Edward Keene (BCE-33174) that the constituency would be more appropriately titled Widnes and Runcorn, to give recognition to the two towns contained within it, and because there are wards from the district of Halton that are not included in the constituency. We also recommend this name.

3.143 Our assistant commissioners noted support for the initial proposals in reference to the Warrington North and Warrington South constituencies in representations from those such as Ian Simpson (BCE-18816), and Stephen Taylor (BCE-22910). We noted the representations of the Member of Parliament for Warrington

North, Helen Jones (BCE-27114), who in her representation to the initial consultation suggested that the Bewsey and Whitecross ward may be more suitable to transfer to the Warrington North constituency, and asked the Commission to carefully consider the evidence when making their decision. Our assistant commissioners reflected on whether the Bewsey and Whitecross or Latchford East ward would be more appropriately situated in Warrington North and concluded that transferring the Bewsey and Whitecross ward into Warrington North would cause the Penketh and Cuerdley, Great Sankey North, Great Sankey South, and Whittle Hall wards to become detached from the remainder of the constituency. They have therefore suggested to us that the initial proposals should remain unchanged. We agree with their recommendation.

3.144 The proposed City of Chester constituency elicited almost unanimous support. Representations such as those from William Pattison (BCE-25718), Alex Guanaria (BCE-27320) and Emily Pimm (BCE-23077) demonstrated a large degree of support for the initial proposals, especially the proposal to include the villages of Mickle Trafford, Bridge Trafford, Picton, Rowton and Waverton within the constituency. Support for the initial proposals was also evident in representations from people such as Tim Hulse (BCE-30029) and Andrew Ramsey (BCE-24000), who favoured our initial proposal and called on the Commission to reject a Labour Party counter-proposal which would transfer the Dodleston and Huntington ward from the proposed City of Chester constituency to an Eddisbury constituency.

3.145 Opposition to the initial proposals was much stronger in the areas affected by the redistribution of wards from the existing Tatton constituency, and those bordering Greater Manchester, namely Weaver Vale, Eddisbury and Northwich, Macclesfield, and Altrincham and Tatton Park. We received numerous counter-proposals recommending changes to these areas.

3.146 The Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat Parties submitted similar counter-proposals for the constituencies of Weaver Vale and Eddisbury and sought to minimise change and tackle what they perceived to be a division, within our initial proposals, between the urban north and rural south. The Liberal Democrat Party (BCE-29373) suggested that the initial proposal for Weaver Vale was flawed because ‘the centres of population ... are all located in the northern part of the proposed seat, whereas the southern rural wards are geographically some distance away from the population centres and would suffer from being isolated.’ The Labour Party (BCE-31193) also commented on this issue suggesting that urban areas of Runcorn had little in common with the rural south of Cheshire. They also raised the point that such a radical reconfiguration would result in only ‘61.0% of the electors of Eddisbury CC and 58.3% of the electors of Weaver Vale CC’ remaining in the same constituency.

3.147 To solve this, the Liberal Democrat (BCE-29373), Labour (BCE-31193 and BCE-40903) and Conservative (BCE-33246 and BCE-40902) parties all submitted counter-proposals which they suggested kept the rural southern wards within an Eddisbury constituency. The Labour and

Liberal Democrat parties proposed that the more northern wards of Hartford and Greenbank, Weaver and Cuddington, Winnington and Castle, and Witton and Rudheath should be located in the Weaver Vale constituency, and that the wards of Farndon, Tarporley, and Tattenhall be located in the Eddisbury constituency. The Conservative Party proposals were not dissimilar, but they included the Winnington and Castle, and Witton and Rudheath wards in their proposed Eddisbury and Northwich constituency.

3.148 In addition to the party proposals we also received counter-proposals from members of the public. One such proposal came from Terry Largan (BCE-30392 and BCE-40907) who considered that the initial proposals were too radical. Under his proposal the Eddisbury and Northwich constituency would include the wards of Farndon, Tarporley, Tattenhall, and Tarvin and Kelsall. Citing evidence put forward at the Chester public hearing by the Member of Parliament for Eddisbury, Antoinette Sandbach (BCE-32792), Mr Largan considered that the four wards are strongly linked to each other but not to Weaver Vale. He also noted that Farndon has strong links with the Malpas ward which is currently placed in the initially proposed Eddisbury and Northwich constituency. Mr Largan further considered that keeping these wards together in a rural Eddisbury constituency would produce a result which was ‘more cohesive and coherent.’ Making these changes consequently allowed him to reconfigure Weaver Vale. He proposed retaining Hartford and Greenbank, and Winnington and Castle wards in their current constituency of Weaver Vale, as this would cause less disruption. Then

he proposed transferring the Elton ward from Ellesmere Port and Neston to Weaver Vale, a recommendation based upon the evidence of Simon Eardley (BCE-32772) who argued that the ward looked more towards Frodsham and Helsby rather than Ellesmere Port. This view was shared by the Conservative Party and a former councillor for Elton ward, Graham Heatley (BCE-21166). In his representation, he noted that ‘villages in the ward are mainly residential and agricultural dwellings with little more than 150-200 in each village. A far cry from the urban mass that is Ellesmere Port.’

3.149 Mr Largan also recommended that the Audlem ward should move from the Eddisbury and Northwich constituency to Crewe and Nantwich, reasoning that residents of Audlem look to Crewe and Nantwich for their services. This idea was shared by the Member of Parliament for Eddisbury, Antoinette Sandbach (BCE-32792), and Edward Timpson, the former Member of Parliament for Crewe and Nantwich (BCE-32740). Some residents of the Audlem ward, such as Michael Alvar Jones (BCE-22523), were in favour of the proposed ward transfer. He noted that ‘Audlem is physically closer to Nantwich than the major towns in Eddisbury’ and that ‘Most children from Audlem attend secondary schools in Nantwich.’ Others such as James Mason (BCE-38051), Alison Hiscock (BCE-38039), Andrew Wilson (BCE-38021) and Peter Kent (BCE-36845) were opposed to the move as they considered the two areas to have different interests and needs.

3.150 In light of the evidence our assistant commissioners considered the counter-proposals received. They found that the counter proposal submitted by Mr Largan offered a solution which was less radical than the initial proposals and, as noted above, produced constituencies which much better matched the existing position for Cheshire, and more accurately reflected both the geographical area and name of Weaver Vale. They therefore recommended this composition and suggested that the two mid Cheshire constituencies retain their respective names, Weaver Vale and Eddisbury. We agree with their recommendation.

3.151 Unlike for Eddisbury and Weaver Vale, there was no consensus among the political parties in the approach to the cross-county constituencies between Cheshire and Greater Manchester. The Labour and the Liberal Democrat parties supported our changes for Macclesfield with the Liberal Democrat Party (BCE-29373) saying that ‘the towns of Macclesfield and Wilmslow fit together logically.’ This was also supported by Terry Largan, with the proviso that the Wilmslow Dean Row ward should be included with the other Wilmslow wards. He noted that moving Alderley Edge and Wilmslow into a Macclesfield constituency was sensible as, until the creation of Cheshire East in 2009, both areas were formerly part of Macclesfield Borough. The counter-proposals submitted by Aaron Fear (BCE-31190 and BCE-40972), and the Conservative Party (BCE-33246), disagreed with the initial proposals. They favoured a Macclesfield constituency which orientated westward towards

Knutsford and which included the three Cheshire wards currently included in our proposed Altrincham and Tatton Park constituency. Under the Conservative Party counter-proposal there would be no crossing of the border between Altrincham and Tatton Park. They considered that this was a poor place to base a cross-county constituency, as the boroughs of Trafford and Cheshire East had few connections and were clearly separated by the River Bollin. The crossing point between Greater Manchester and Cheshire would instead be further east with the creation of a Cheadle and Wilmslow constituency. The Conservatives believed that a constituency comprised of Cheadle and Wilmslow wards would be a much better crossing point as there is 'continuous residential development between the two areas' and it has 'a strong communication link [in the form] of the A34.'

3.152 The assistant commissioners accepted that the River Bollin formed an identifiable division between Greater Manchester and Cheshire, however they considered that it was not an insurmountable obstacle and that an Altrincham and Tatton Park constituency, as set out in the initial proposals, could work. Additionally, the assistant commissioners were not persuaded by the Conservative Party's counter-proposals, since they resulted in wholesale alterations to constituencies in Greater Manchester, which under the initial proposals remain unchanged.

3.153 Despite this, they did accept that the proposal could be terms of the name. Jonathan Stansby (BCE-16860) suggested that Altrincham and Tatton Park should be renamed Altrincham and Knutsford as 'Only a small part of the old Tatton ward is included in this new constituency and Tatton Park itself is a National Trust property which will include no more than a handful of the electorate.' The assistant commissioners agreed that this was a sensible suggestion and recommended that the constituency be renamed Altrincham and Knutsford. We accept their recommendation.

3.154 The configuration of the Macclesfield constituency is as described in the section dealing with Greater Manchester. We agree with the recommendation that Poynton and Disley be included in the Macclesfield constituency, and the wards in and around Wilmslow be included in the Hazel Grove and Wilmslow constituency.

4 How to have your say

4.1 We are consulting on our revised proposals for an eight-week period, from 17 October 2017 to 11 December 2017. We encourage everyone to use this last opportunity to help finalise the design of the new constituencies – the more public views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be before making final recommendations to Government.

4.2 While people are welcome to write to us on any issue regarding the constituency boundaries we set out in this report and the accompanying maps, our main focus during this final consultation is on those constituencies we have revised since our initial proposals. While we will consider representations that comment again on the initial proposals that we have not revised, it is likely that particularly compelling further evidence or submissions will be needed to persuade us to depart at this late stage in the review from those of our initial proposals, which have withstood intensive scrutiny of objections in the process of consultation and review to which they have already been subject. Representations relating to initial proposals that we have not revised and that simply repeat evidence or arguments that have already been raised in either of the previous two consultation stages are likely to carry little weight with the Commission.

4.3 When responding, we ask people to bear in mind the tight constraints placed on the Commission by the rules set by Parliament and the decisions we have taken regarding adoption of a regional approach and use of local government wards discussed in chapter 2 and in the Guide. Most importantly:

- We cannot recommend constituencies that have electorates that are more than 5% above or below the electoral quota (apart from the two covering the Isle of Wight).
- We are obliged by law to use the Parliamentary electorate figures as they were in the statutory electoral register published by local electoral registration officers between December 2015 and February 2016. We therefore cannot base our proposals for this constituency review on any subsequent electorate figures.
- We are basing our revised proposals on local government ward boundaries (at May 2015) as the building blocks of constituencies. Exceptional and compelling evidence needs to be provided to persuade us that splitting a ward across two constituencies is necessary or appropriate.
- We have constructed constituencies within regions, so as not to cross regional boundaries. Particularly compelling reasons would need to be given to persuade us that we should depart from this approach.

4.4 These issues mean that we encourage people who are making a representation on a specific area to bear in mind the knock-on effects of their counter-proposals. The Commission must look at the recommendations for new constituencies across the whole region (and, indeed, across England). We therefore ask everyone wishing to respond to our consultation to bear in mind the impact of their counter-proposals on neighbouring constituencies, and on those further afield across the region.

How can you give us your views?

4.5 We encourage everyone to make use of our consultation website, www.bce2018.org.uk, when contributing to our consultation. That website contains all the information you will need to contribute to the design of the new constituencies, including the revised proposals reports and maps, all the representations we have received so far during the review, the initial proposals reports and maps, the electorate sizes of every ward, and an online facility where you can instantly and directly submit to us your views on our revised proposals. If you are unable to access our consultation website for any reason, you can still write to us at 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ.

4.6 We encourage everyone, before submitting a representation, to read our approach to data protection and privacy and, in particular, the publication of all representations and personal data within them. This is available in our Data Protection and Privacy Policy, at:

<http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/freedom-of-information-and-data-protection>

What do we want views on?

4.7 We would like particularly to ask two things of those considering responding on the revised proposals we have set out. First, if you support our revised proposals, please tell us so, as well as telling us where you object to them. Past experience suggests that too often people who agree with our proposals do not respond in support, while those who object to them do respond to make their points – this can give a distorted view of the balance of public support or objection to proposals. Second, if you are considering objecting to our revised proposals, do please use the resources available on our website and at the places of deposit (maps and electorate figures) to put forward counter-proposals which are in accordance with the rules to which we are working.

4.8 Above all, however, we encourage everyone to have their say on our revised proposals and, in doing so, to become involved in drawing the map of new Parliamentary constituencies. This is the final chance to contribute to the design of the new constituencies, and the more views we get on those constituencies, the more informed our consideration in developing them will be, and the better we will be able to reflect the public's views in the final recommendations we present in September 2018.

Annex A: Revised proposals for constituencies, including wards and electorates

Constituency	Ward	Local authority	Electorate
1. Accrington CC			73,077
	Gawthorpe	Burnley	4,417
	Hapton with Park	Burnley	4,489
	Rosegrove with Lowerhouse	Burnley	4,456
	Altham	Hyndburn	3,982
	Barnfield	Hyndburn	3,233
	Baxenden	Hyndburn	3,333
	Central	Hyndburn	3,596
	Church	Hyndburn	3,260
	Clayton-le-Moors	Hyndburn	3,547
	Huncoat	Hyndburn	3,569
	Immanuel	Hyndburn	3,508
	Milnshaw	Hyndburn	3,485
	Netherton	Hyndburn	3,239
	Overton	Hyndburn	4,964
	Peel	Hyndburn	2,999
	Rishton	Hyndburn	5,093
	Spring Hill	Hyndburn	3,474
	St. Andrew's	Hyndburn	3,357
	St. Oswald's	Hyndburn	5,076
2. Altrincham and Knutsford CC			77,647
	High Legh	Cheshire East	3,349
	Knutsford	Cheshire East	9,902
	Mobberley	Cheshire East	3,357
	Altrincham	Trafford	8,160
	Bowdon	Trafford	7,073
	Broadheath	Trafford	9,336
	Bucklow-St. Martins	Trafford	6,520
	Hale Barns	Trafford	7,132
	Hale Central	Trafford	7,084
	Timperley	Trafford	8,267
	Village	Trafford	7,467
3. Ashton-under-Lyne BC			76,869
	Ashton Hurst	Tameside	8,561
	Ashton St. Michael's	Tameside	8,157
	Ashton Waterloo	Tameside	8,338
	Dukinfield	Tameside	9,046
	Dukinfield Stalybridge	Tameside	8,596
	Mossley	Tameside	8,485
	St. Peter's	Tameside	8,283
	Stalybridge North	Tameside	9,086
	Stalybridge South	Tameside	8,317
4. Barrow and Furness CC			74,264
	Barrow Island	Barrow-in-Furness	1,665
	Central	Barrow-in-Furness	2,792
	Dalton North	Barrow-in-Furness	4,948
	Dalton South	Barrow-in-Furness	4,728
	Hawcoat	Barrow-in-Furness	4,156
	Hindpool	Barrow-in-Furness	4,243
	Newbarns	Barrow-in-Furness	4,455
	Ormsgill	Barrow-in-Furness	4,275

Constituency	Ward	Local authority	Electorate
	Parkside	Barrow-in-Furness	4,331
	Risedale	Barrow-in-Furness	4,554
	Roosecote	Barrow-in-Furness	3,934
	Walney North	Barrow-in-Furness	4,295
	Walney South	Barrow-in-Furness	4,123
	Haverigg	Copeland	1,028
	Holborn Hill	Copeland	1,935
	Millom Without	Copeland	1,092
	Newtown	Copeland	2,635
	Broughton	South Lakeland	1,782
	Low Furness	South Lakeland	1,411
	Mid Furness	South Lakeland	3,083
	Ulverston Central	South Lakeland	1,387
	Ulverston East	South Lakeland	1,552
	Ulverston North	South Lakeland	1,521
	Ulverston South	South Lakeland	1,453
	Ulverston Town	South Lakeland	1,421
	Ulverston West	South Lakeland	1,465
5. Bebington and Heswall CC			76,062
	Bebington	Wirral	11,827
	Clatterbridge	Wirral	11,460
	Greasby, Frankby and Irby	Wirral	11,342
	Heswall	Wirral	10,655
	Hoylake and Meols	Wirral	10,300
	Pensby and Thingwall	Wirral	10,319
	West Kirby and Thurstaston	Wirral	10,159
6. Birkenhead BC			72,003
	Bidston and St. James	Wirral	9,694
	Birkenhead and Tranmere	Wirral	9,305
	Bromborough	Wirral	11,158
	Claughton	Wirral	11,035
	Oxton	Wirral	10,866
	Prenton	Wirral	10,604
	Rock Ferry	Wirral	9,341
7. Blackburn BC			72,816
	Audley	Blackburn with Darwen	5,595
	Bastwell	Blackburn with Darwen	4,883
	Beardwood with Lammack	Blackburn with Darwen	4,445
	Corporation Park	Blackburn with Darwen	4,666
	Ewood	Blackburn with Darwen	4,360
	Fernhurst	Blackburn with Darwen	4,125
	Higher Croft	Blackburn with Darwen	4,818
	Little Harwood	Blackburn with Darwen	4,511
	Livesey with Pleasington	Blackburn with Darwen	5,289
	Meadowhead	Blackburn with Darwen	4,107
	Mill Hill	Blackburn with Darwen	3,721
	Queen's Park	Blackburn with Darwen	3,918
	Roe Lee	Blackburn with Darwen	4,450
	Shadsworth with Whitebirk	Blackburn with Darwen	4,792
	Shear Brow	Blackburn with Darwen	4,962
	Wensley Fold	Blackburn with Darwen	4,174
8. Blackley and Broughton BC			72,003
	Charlestown	Manchester	10,066
	Cheetham	Manchester	13,726
	Crumpsall	Manchester	10,546
	Harpurhey	Manchester	11,199
	Higher Blackley	Manchester	10,298
	Broughton	Salford	8,412
	Kersal	Salford	7,756

Constituency	Ward	Local authority	Electorate
9. Blackpool North and Fleetwood BC			73,480
	Anchorsholme	Blackpool	4,978
	Bispham	Blackpool	4,731
	Greenlands	Blackpool	4,896
	Ingthorpe	Blackpool	4,866
	Norbreck	Blackpool	4,955
	Bourne	Wyre	4,371
	Breck	Wyre	2,855
	Carleton	Wyre	3,522
	Cleveleys Park	Wyre	3,684
	Jubilee	Wyre	3,580
	Marsh Mill	Wyre	4,716
	Mount	Wyre	3,596
	Park	Wyre	3,259
	Pharos	Wyre	3,166
	Pheasant's Wood	Wyre	1,545
	Rossall	Wyre	4,260
	Stanah	Wyre	3,673
	Victoria & Norcross	Wyre	3,507
	Warren	Wyre	3,320
10. Blackpool South BC			72,993
	Bloomfield	Blackpool	3,898
	Brunswick	Blackpool	4,174
	Claremont	Blackpool	4,442
	Clifton	Blackpool	4,706
	Hawes Side	Blackpool	4,743
	Highfield	Blackpool	4,905
	Layton	Blackpool	4,538
	Marton	Blackpool	4,965
	Park	Blackpool	4,822
	Squires Gate	Blackpool	4,603
	Stanley	Blackpool	4,980
	Talbot	Blackpool	4,144
	Tyldesley	Blackpool	4,546
	Victoria	Blackpool	4,533
	Warbreck	Blackpool	4,584
	Waterloo	Blackpool	4,410
11. Bolton North East BC			73,610
	Astley Bridge	Bolton	9,911
	Bradshaw	Bolton	8,589
	Brightmet	Bolton	9,027
	Bromley Cross	Bolton	10,217
	Crompton	Bolton	9,659
	Great Lever	Bolton	8,722
	Rumworth	Bolton	9,085
	Tonge with the Haulgh	Bolton	8,400
12. Bolton West CC			77,798
	Halliwell	Bolton	8,078
	Heaton and Lostock	Bolton	10,303
	Horwich North East	Bolton	9,590
	Horwich and Blackrod	Bolton	9,765
	Smithills	Bolton	9,758
	Westhoughton North and Chew Moor	Bolton	10,550
	Westhoughton South	Bolton	9,417
	Atherton	Wigan	10,337
13. Bootle BC			77,290
	County	Liverpool	9,088
	Warbreck	Liverpool	10,761
	Church	Sefton	8,550

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	Derby	Sefton	8,174
	Ford	Sefton	8,599
	Linacre	Sefton	7,423
	Litherland	Sefton	7,977
	Netherton and Orrell	Sefton	8,847
	St. Oswald	Sefton	7,871
14. Burnley CC			75,569
	Bank Hall	Burnley	3,971
	Briercliffe	Burnley	4,337
	Brunshaw	Burnley	4,669
	Cliviger with Worsthorne	Burnley	4,209
	Coal Clough with Deerplay	Burnley	3,892
	Daneshouse with Stoneyholme	Burnley	3,685
	Gannow	Burnley	4,150
	Lanehead	Burnley	4,416
	Queensgate	Burnley	3,887
	Rosehill with Burnley Wood	Burnley	4,293
	Trinity	Burnley	3,682
	Whittlefield with Ightenhill	Burnley	4,675
	Bradley	Pendle	4,022
	Brierfield	Pendle	3,486
	Clover Hill	Pendle	3,336
	Marsden	Pendle	2,386
	Reedley	Pendle	4,178
	Southfield	Pendle	3,468
	Walverden	Pendle	2,485
	Whitefield	Pendle	2,342
15. Bury BC			71,594
	Church	Bury	8,163
	East	Bury	7,320
	Elton	Bury	8,420
	Moorside	Bury	8,196
	North Manor	Bury	7,984
	Ramsbottom	Bury	8,669
	Redvales	Bury	8,115
	Tottington	Bury	7,697
	Unsworth	Bury	7,030
16. Carlisle CC			76,825
	Belah	Carlisle	4,648
	Belle Vue	Carlisle	4,592
	Botcherby	Carlisle	3,961
	Brampton	Carlisle	3,422
	Burgh	Carlisle	1,630
	Castle	Carlisle	3,478
	Currock	Carlisle	4,053
	Dalston	Carlisle	4,802
	Denton Holme	Carlisle	4,207
	Great Corby and Geltsdale	Carlisle	1,659
	Harraby	Carlisle	4,661
	Hayton	Carlisle	1,574
	Irthing	Carlisle	1,516
	Longtown & Rockcliffe	Carlisle	2,978
	Lyne	Carlisle	1,541
	Morton	Carlisle	4,376
	St. Aidans	Carlisle	3,882
	Stanwix Rural	Carlisle	3,628
	Stanwix Urban	Carlisle	4,386
	Upperby	Carlisle	3,579
	Wetheral	Carlisle	3,736
	Yewdale	Carlisle	4,516

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17. Chorley CC			78,287
	Adlington and Anderton	Chorley	5,769
	Astley and Buckshaw	Chorley	4,320
	Brindle and Hoghton	Chorley	1,671
	Chisnall	Chorley	3,238
	Chorley East	Chorley	4,956
	Chorley North East	Chorley	4,717
	Chorley North West	Chorley	4,566
	Chorley South East	Chorley	5,411
	Chorley South West	Chorley	5,817
	Clayton-le-Woods and Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley	6,425
	Clayton-le-Woods North	Chorley	4,848
	Clayton-le-Woods West and Cuerden	Chorley	3,451
	Coppull	Chorley	4,823
	Eccleston and Mawdesley	Chorley	4,964
	Euxton North	Chorley	3,483
	Euxton South	Chorley	3,113
	Heath Charnock and Rivington	Chorley	1,739
	Pennine	Chorley	1,768
	Wheelton and Withnell	Chorley	3,208
18. City of Chester CC			73,723
	Blacon	Cheshire West and Chester	9,977
	Boughton	Cheshire West and Chester	4,097
	Chester City	Cheshire West and Chester	2,784
	Chester Villages	Cheshire West and Chester	6,806
	Dodleston and Huntington	Cheshire West and Chester	3,574
	Garden Quarter	Cheshire West and Chester	3,437
	Great Boughton	Cheshire West and Chester	7,192
	Handbridge Park	Cheshire West and Chester	7,184
	Hoole	Cheshire West and Chester	6,787
	Lache	Cheshire West and Chester	3,755
	Newton	Cheshire West and Chester	7,363
	Saughall and Mollington	Cheshire West and Chester	3,828
	Upton	Cheshire West and Chester	6,939
19. Congleton CC			71,287
	Alsager	Cheshire East	8,998
	Brereton Rural	Cheshire East	3,797
	Congleton East	Cheshire East	10,104
	Congleton West	Cheshire East	10,053
	Dane Valley	Cheshire East	7,416
	Middlewich	Cheshire East	10,089
	Odd Rode	Cheshire East	6,619
	Sandbach Elworth	Cheshire East	3,614
	Sandbach Ettiley Heath and Wheelock	Cheshire East	3,580
	Sandbach Heath and East	Cheshire East	3,318
	Sandbach Town	Cheshire East	3,699
20. Crewe and Nantwich CC			76,041
	Audlem	Cheshire East	3,715
	Crewe Central	Cheshire East	2,863
	Crewe East	Cheshire East	9,429
	Crewe North	Cheshire East	3,202
	Crewe South	Cheshire East	2,963
	Crewe St. Barnabas	Cheshire East	6,307
	Crewe West	Cheshire East	6,527
	Haslington	Cheshire East	6,240
	Leighton	Cheshire East	3,889
	Nantwich North and West	Cheshire East	6,550
	Nantwich South and Stapeley	Cheshire East	6,320
	Shavington	Cheshire East	3,091
	Willaston and Rope	Cheshire East	3,670

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	Wistaston	Cheshire East	7,200
	Wybunbury	Cheshire East	4,075
21. Eddisbury CC			72,293
	Bunbury	Cheshire East	3,530
	Wrenbury	Cheshire East	3,634
	Davenham and Moulton	Cheshire West and Chester	10,641
	Farndon	Cheshire West and Chester	3,346
	Malpas	Cheshire West and Chester	3,444
	Shakerley	Cheshire West and Chester	3,431
	Tarporley	Cheshire West and Chester	3,894
	Tarvin and Kelsall	Cheshire West and Chester	6,973
	Tattenhall	Cheshire West and Chester	3,626
	Winsford Over and Verdin	Cheshire West and Chester	9,672
	Winsford Swanlow and Dene	Cheshire West and Chester	6,708
	Winsford Wharton	Cheshire West and Chester	7,100
	Witton and Rudheath	Cheshire West and Chester	6,294
22. Ellesmere Port and Neston CC			73,599
	Ellesmere Port Town	Cheshire West and Chester	6,384
	Grange	Cheshire West and Chester	3,321
	Ledsham and Manor	Cheshire West and Chester	6,385
	Little Neston and Burton	Cheshire West and Chester	7,022
	Neston	Cheshire West and Chester	3,176
	Netherpool	Cheshire West and Chester	2,741
	Parkgate	Cheshire West and Chester	3,128
	Rossmore	Cheshire West and Chester	2,914
	St. Paul's	Cheshire West and Chester	6,669
	Strawberry	Cheshire West and Chester	4,192
	Sutton	Cheshire West and Chester	7,022
	Whitby	Cheshire West and Chester	6,503
	Willaston and Thornton	Cheshire West and Chester	3,270
	Eastham	Wirral	10,872
23. Failsworth and Droylsden BC			78,407
	Alexandra	Oldham	6,212
	Failsworth East	Oldham	7,687
	Failsworth West	Oldham	7,386
	Hollinwood	Oldham	7,171
	Medlock Vale	Oldham	7,845
	St. Mary's	Oldham	8,151
	Werneth	Oldham	7,261
	Audenshaw	Tameside	9,165
	Droylsden East	Tameside	8,705
	Droylsden West	Tameside	8,824
24. Farnworth and Radcliffe BC			72,031
	Farnworth	Bolton	9,838
	Harper Green	Bolton	9,160
	Hulton	Bolton	9,480
	Kearsley	Bolton	10,005
	Little Lever and Darcy Lever	Bolton	9,320
	Radcliffe East	Bury	8,217
	Radcliffe North	Bury	8,207
	Radcliffe West	Bury	7,804
25. Fylde CC			72,193
	Ansdell	Fylde	3,443
	Ashton	Fylde	3,621
	Central	Fylde	3,073
	Clifton	Fylde	3,246
	Elswick and Little Eccleston	Fylde	1,228
	Fairhaven	Fylde	3,368
	Freckleton East	Fylde	2,332

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	Freckleton West	Fylde	2,237
	Heyhouses	Fylde	3,654
	Kilnhouse	Fylde	3,156
	Kirkham North	Fylde	3,032
	Kirkham South	Fylde	2,021
	Medlar-with-Wesham	Fylde	2,845
	Newton and Treales	Fylde	2,412
	Park	Fylde	4,146
	Ribby-with-Wrea	Fylde	1,200
	Singleton and Greenhalgh	Fylde	1,149
	St. Johns	Fylde	3,639
	St. Leonards	Fylde	3,311
	Staining and Weeton	Fylde	2,316
	Warton and Westby	Fylde	3,952
	Lea	Preston	4,562
	Hardhorn with High Cross	Wyre	4,967
	Tithebarn	Wyre	3,283
26. Garston and Halewood BC			71,942
	Halewood North	Knowsley	5,044
	Halewood South	Knowsley	5,487
	Halewood West	Knowsley	5,158
	Allerton and Hunts Cross	Liverpool	11,090
	Belle Vale	Liverpool	11,158
	Cressington	Liverpool	11,285
	Speke-Garston	Liverpool	12,523
	Woolton	Liverpool	10,197
27. Hazel Grove and Wilmslow BC			77,051
	Alderley Edge	Cheshire East	3,425
	Handforth	Cheshire East	6,709
	Wilmslow Dean Row	Cheshire East	3,294
	Wilmslow East	Cheshire East	2,880
	Wilmslow Lacey Green	Cheshire East	3,304
	Wilmslow West and Chorley	Cheshire East	7,442
	Bramhall North	Stockport	10,263
	Bramhall South	Stockport	9,589
	Hazel Grove	Stockport	10,488
	Offerton	Stockport	10,016
	Stepping Hill	Stockport	9,641
28. Knowsley BC			77,916
	Cherryfield	Knowsley	5,424
	Kirkby Central	Knowsley	4,699
	Longview	Knowsley	6,386
	Northwood	Knowsley	5,379
	Page Moss	Knowsley	4,851
	Park	Knowsley	4,992
	Prescot West	Knowsley	5,042
	Roby	Knowsley	5,807
	Shevington	Knowsley	5,201
	St. Bartholomews	Knowsley	5,278
	St. Gabriels	Knowsley	5,160
	St. Michaels	Knowsley	5,184
	Stockbridge	Knowsley	4,423
	Swanside	Knowsley	5,319
	Whitefield	Knowsley	4,771
29. Lancaster and Morecambe CC			74,361
	Bare	Lancaster	5,392
	Bolton & Slyne	Lancaster	5,814
	Bulk	Lancaster	4,592
	Castle	Lancaster	3,455

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	Harbour	Lancaster	4,759
	Heysham Central	Lancaster	3,268
	Heysham North	Lancaster	3,058
	Heysham South	Lancaster	4,790
	John O'Gaunt	Lancaster	4,796
	Marsh	Lancaster	3,276
	Overton	Lancaster	1,672
	Poulton	Lancaster	3,255
	Scotforth East	Lancaster	3,221
	Scotforth West	Lancaster	4,868
	Skerton East	Lancaster	4,520
	Skerton West	Lancaster	4,879
	Torrisholme	Lancaster	3,535
	Westgate	Lancaster	5,211
30. Leigh CC			73,070
	Astley Mosley Common	Wigan	9,026
	Atherleigh	Wigan	8,007
	Golborne and Lowton West	Wigan	8,458
	Leigh East	Wigan	8,588
	Leigh South	Wigan	9,848
	Leigh West	Wigan	9,681
	Lowton East	Wigan	9,452
	Tyldesley	Wigan	10,010
31. Littleborough and Saddleworth CC			75,713
	Crompton	Oldham	8,064
	Saddleworth North	Oldham	7,651
	Saddleworth South	Oldham	8,030
	Saddleworth West and Lees	Oldham	8,246
	Shaw	Oldham	7,388
	Balderstone and Kirkholt	Rochdale	6,636
	Littleborough Lakeside	Rochdale	7,410
	Milnrow and Newhey	Rochdale	7,582
	Smallbridge and Firgrove	Rochdale	7,344
	Wardle and West Littleborough	Rochdale	7,362
32. Liverpool Riverside BC			77,665
	Anfield	Liverpool	8,764
	Central	Liverpool	9,353
	Everton	Liverpool	9,832
	Kirkdale	Liverpool	10,453
	Mossley Hill	Liverpool	9,639
	Princes Park	Liverpool	9,174
	Riverside	Liverpool	11,460
	St. Michael's	Liverpool	8,990
33. Liverpool Wavertree BC			76,261
	Childwall	Liverpool	10,784
	Church	Liverpool	10,373
	Greenbank	Liverpool	7,985
	Kensington and Fairfield	Liverpool	8,036
	Old Swan	Liverpool	10,679
	Picton	Liverpool	8,756
	Tuebrook and Stoneycroft	Liverpool	9,675
	Wavertree	Liverpool	9,973
34. Liverpool West Derby BC			73,950
	Clubmoor	Liverpool	10,704
	Croxteth	Liverpool	9,980
	Fazakerley	Liverpool	10,768
	Knotty Ash	Liverpool	10,095
	Norris Green	Liverpool	10,233
	West Derby	Liverpool	10,895
	Yew Tree	Liverpool	11,275

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35. Macclesfield CC			72,751
	Bollington	Cheshire East	6,298
	Broken Cross and Upton	Cheshire East	6,408
	Chelford	Cheshire East	3,169
	Disley	Cheshire East	3,485
	Gawsworth	Cheshire East	3,079
	Macclesfield Central	Cheshire East	6,102
	Macclesfield East	Cheshire East	3,249
	Macclesfield Hurdsfield	Cheshire East	3,188
	Macclesfield South	Cheshire East	5,898
	Macclesfield Tytherington	Cheshire East	6,690
	Macclesfield West and Ivy	Cheshire East	5,814
	Poynton East and Pott Shrigley	Cheshire East	6,037
	Poynton West and Adlington	Cheshire East	6,584
	Prestbury	Cheshire East	3,321
	Sutton	Cheshire East	3,429
36. Makerfield CC			71,857
	Abram	Wigan	9,935
	Ashton	Wigan	8,709
	Bryn	Wigan	8,746
	Hindley	Wigan	9,264
	Hindley Green	Wigan	8,268
	Orrell	Wigan	9,320
	Winstanley	Wigan	8,917
	Worsley Mesnes	Wigan	8,698
37. Manchester Central BC			76,173
	Ancoats and Clayton	Manchester	12,525
	Ardwick	Manchester	9,809
	Bradford	Manchester	11,488
	City Centre	Manchester	9,483
	Hulme	Manchester	10,149
	Miles Platting and Newton Heath	Manchester	10,254
	Moss Side	Manchester	12,465
38. Manchester Gorton BC			74,227
	Fallowfield	Manchester	10,692
	Gorton North	Manchester	10,337
	Gorton South	Manchester	12,234
	Levenshulme	Manchester	10,743
	Longsight	Manchester	9,755
	Rusholme	Manchester	9,758
	Whalley Range	Manchester	10,708
39. Manchester Withington BC			74,616
	Burnage	Manchester	10,812
	Chorlton	Manchester	10,817
	Chorlton Park	Manchester	11,263
	Didsbury East	Manchester	10,745
	Didsbury West	Manchester	9,927
	Old Moat	Manchester	11,003
	Withington	Manchester	10,049
40. Marple and Hyde CC			74,907
	Bredbury Green and Romiley	Stockport	10,615
	Bredbury and Woodley	Stockport	10,358
	Marple North	Stockport	9,622
	Marple South	Stockport	9,619
	Hyde Godley	Tameside	8,436
	Hyde Newton	Tameside	9,989
	Hyde Werneth	Tameside	8,514
	Longdendale	Tameside	7,754

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41. North Lancashire CC			71,284
	Carnforth & Millhead	Lancaster	4,446
	Ellel	Lancaster	3,276
	Halton-with-Aughton	Lancaster	1,947
	Kellet	Lancaster	1,639
	Lower Lune Valley	Lancaster	3,525
	Silverdale	Lancaster	1,616
	University & Scotforth Rural	Lancaster	2,065
	Upper Lune Valley	Lancaster	1,878
	Warton	Lancaster	1,604
	Preston Rural East	Preston	3,552
	Preston Rural North	Preston	5,328
	Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley	Ribble Valley	1,134
	Alston and Hothersall	Ribble Valley	2,070
	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn	Ribble Valley	1,074
	Chatburn	Ribble Valley	1,063
	Chipping	Ribble Valley	1,111
	Derby and Thornley	Ribble Valley	2,394
	Dilworth	Ribble Valley	1,986
	Gisburn, Rimington	Ribble Valley	1,083
	Ribchester	Ribble Valley	1,265
	Waddington and West Bradford	Ribble Valley	2,527
	Brock with Catterall	Wyre	3,058
	Calder	Wyre	1,676
	Garstang	Wyre	5,280
	Great Eccleston	Wyre	3,073
	Hambleton & Stalmine	Wyre	3,500
	Pilling	Wyre	1,907
	Preesall	Wyre	4,615
	Wyresdale	Wyre	1,592
42. Oldham BC			73,825
	Moston	Manchester	11,166
	Chadderton Central	Oldham	7,782
	Chadderton North	Oldham	8,114
	Chadderton South	Oldham	7,509
	Coldhurst	Oldham	7,933
	Royton North	Oldham	7,736
	Royton South	Oldham	8,105
	St. James'	Oldham	7,556
	Waterhead	Oldham	7,924
43. Pendle and Ribble Valley CC			73,788
	Barrowford	Pendle	3,823
	Blacko and Higherford	Pendle	1,424
	Boulsworth	Pendle	4,071
	Coates	Pendle	3,984
	Craven	Pendle	4,073
	Earby	Pendle	4,605
	Foulridge	Pendle	1,299
	Higham and Pendleside	Pendle	1,414
	Horsfield	Pendle	3,668
	Old Laund Booth	Pendle	1,225
	Vivary Bridge	Pendle	4,028
	Waterside	Pendle	3,574
	Billington and Old Langho	Ribble Valley	2,414
	Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave	Ribble Valley	2,082
	Edisford and Low Moor	Ribble Valley	2,358
	Langho	Ribble Valley	1,890
	Littlemoor	Ribble Valley	2,371
	Mellor	Ribble Valley	2,228
	Primrose	Ribble Valley	2,501

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	Read and Simonstone	Ribble Valley	2,080
	Sabden	Ribble Valley	1,192
	Salthill	Ribble Valley	2,308
	St. Mary's	Ribble Valley	2,274
	Whalley	Ribble Valley	3,078
	Wilpshire	Ribble Valley	2,077
	Wiswell and Pendleton	Ribble Valley	1,244
	Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	South Ribble	3,449
	Samplesbury & Walton	South Ribble	3,054
44. Penrith and Solway CC			72,284
	All Saints	Allerdale	3,680
	Aspatria	Allerdale	2,465
	Boltons	Allerdale	1,358
	Broughton St. Bridget's	Allerdale	2,984
	Christchurch	Allerdale	3,033
	Crummock	Allerdale	1,211
	Dalton	Allerdale	1,427
	Derwent Valley	Allerdale	1,152
	Ellen	Allerdale	2,558
	Holme	Allerdale	1,226
	Keswick	Allerdale	3,971
	Marsh	Allerdale	1,284
	Silloth	Allerdale	2,541
	Solway	Allerdale	1,270
	Wampool	Allerdale	1,350
	Warnell	Allerdale	1,568
	Waver	Allerdale	1,471
	Wharrels	Allerdale	1,228
	Wigton	Allerdale	4,356
	Alston Moor	Eden	1,638
	Askham	Eden	1,049
	Crosby Ravensworth	Eden	1,131
	Dacre	Eden	1,118
	Eamont	Eden	1,180
	Greystoke	Eden	1,138
	Hartside	Eden	1,039
	Hesket	Eden	2,403
	Kirkby Thore	Eden	1,173
	Kirkoswald	Eden	1,132
	Langwathby	Eden	1,245
	Lazonby	Eden	1,107
	Long Marton	Eden	952
	Morland	Eden	1,004
	Penrith Carleton	Eden	1,230
	Penrith East	Eden	2,052
	Penrith North	Eden	3,178
	Penrith Pategill	Eden	1,025
	Penrith South	Eden	1,905
	Penrith West	Eden	2,163
	Shap	Eden	1,077
	Skelton	Eden	1,203
	Ullswater	Eden	1,009
45. Preston BC			77,324
	Ashton	Preston	2,993
	Brookfield	Preston	5,003
	Cadley	Preston	3,582
	College	Preston	2,700
	Deepdale	Preston	3,595
	Fishwick	Preston	3,260
	Garrison	Preston	5,282

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	Greyfriars	Preston	5,188
	Ingol	Preston	5,038
	Larches	Preston	5,410
	Moor Park	Preston	2,830
	Ribbleton	Preston	5,337
	Riversway	Preston	3,738
	Sharoe Green	Preston	4,679
	St. George's	Preston	3,171
	St. Matthew's	Preston	4,285
	Town Centre	Preston	4,749
	Tulketh	Preston	4,593
	University	Preston	1,891
46. Prestwich and Middleton BC			77,122
	Besses	Bury	7,667
	Holyrood	Bury	8,333
	Pilkington Park	Bury	7,328
	Sedgley	Bury	8,128
	St. Mary's	Bury	7,371
	East Middleton	Rochdale	7,371
	Hopwood Hall	Rochdale	7,798
	North Middleton	Rochdale	7,462
	South Middleton	Rochdale	7,631
	West Middleton	Rochdale	8,033
47. Rochdale CC			73,781
	Bamford	Rochdale	7,377
	Castleton	Rochdale	7,400
	Central Rochdale	Rochdale	6,509
	Healey	Rochdale	7,674
	Kingsway	Rochdale	7,819
	Milkstone and Deeplish	Rochdale	6,804
	Norden	Rochdale	7,505
	North Heywood	Rochdale	7,164
	Spotland and Falinge	Rochdale	7,390
	West Heywood	Rochdale	8,139
48. Rossendale and Darwen CC			74,991
	Earcroft	Blackburn with Darwen	2,943
	East Rural	Blackburn with Darwen	1,462
	Marsh House	Blackburn with Darwen	4,442
	North Turton with Tockholes	Blackburn with Darwen	3,466
	Sudell	Blackburn with Darwen	4,343
	Sunnyhurst	Blackburn with Darwen	4,295
	Whitehall	Blackburn with Darwen	2,964
	Cribden	Rossendale	2,751
	Eden	Rossendale	2,864
	Facit and Shawforth	Rossendale	2,741
	Goodshaw	Rossendale	3,159
	Greenfield	Rossendale	4,325
	Greensclough	Rossendale	4,274
	Hareholme	Rossendale	4,050
	Healey and Whitworth	Rossendale	2,992
	Helmshore	Rossendale	4,776
	Irwell	Rossendale	4,013
	Longholme	Rossendale	4,083
	Stacksteads	Rossendale	2,802
	Whitewell	Rossendale	4,193
	Worsley	Rossendale	4,053
49. Salford and Eccles BC			74,161
	Claremont	Salford	8,117
	Eccles	Salford	8,514

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	Irwell Riverside	Salford	6,439
	Langworthy	Salford	8,058
	Ordsall	Salford	9,482
	Pendlebury	Salford	8,786
	Swinton North	Salford	8,269
	Swinton South	Salford	8,125
	Weaste and Seedley	Salford	8,371
50. Sefton Central CC			76,378
	Blundellsands	Sefton	9,004
	Harington	Sefton	9,560
	Manor	Sefton	9,574
	Molyneux	Sefton	9,766
	Park	Sefton	9,456
	Ravenmeols	Sefton	9,162
	Sudell	Sefton	9,686
	Victoria	Sefton	10,170
51. South Ribble CC			78,502
	Lostock	Chorley	3,381
	Bamber Bridge East	South Ribble	3,184
	Bamber Bridge West	South Ribble	3,006
	Broad Oak	South Ribble	3,534
	Broadfield	South Ribble	3,573
	Buckshaw & Worden	South Ribble	3,642
	Charnock	South Ribble	2,785
	Earnshaw Bridge	South Ribble	3,438
	Farington East	South Ribble	2,791
	Farington West	South Ribble	2,844
	Hoole	South Ribble	3,237
	Howick & Priory	South Ribble	5,486
	Leyland Central	South Ribble	3,437
	Longton & Hutton West	South Ribble	4,550
	Lostock Hall	South Ribble	4,913
	Middleforth	South Ribble	5,370
	Moss Side	South Ribble	3,082
	New Longton & Hutton East	South Ribble	3,629
	Seven Stars	South Ribble	2,998
	St. Ambrose	South Ribble	3,167
	Walton-le-Dale East	South Ribble	3,172
	Walton-le-Dale West	South Ribble	3,283
52. Southport CC			75,828
	Ainsdale	Sefton	9,540
	Birkdale	Sefton	9,494
	Cambridge	Sefton	8,945
	Duke's	Sefton	9,181
	Kew	Sefton	8,901
	Meols	Sefton	9,528
	Norwood	Sefton	9,492
	Hesketh-with-Becconsall	West Lancashire	3,133
	North Meols	West Lancashire	3,177
	Tarleton	West Lancashire	4,437
53. St. Helens North BC			72,060
	Billinge and Seneley Green	St. Helens	8,503
	Blackbrook	St. Helens	7,946
	Earlestown	St. Helens	7,806
	Haydock	St. Helens	8,637
	Moss Bank	St. Helens	8,285
	Newton	St. Helens	8,608
	Parr	St. Helens	8,038
	Rainford	St. Helens	6,498
	Windle	St. Helens	7,739

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54. St. Helens South and Whiston BC			74,885
	Prescot East	Knowsley	5,671
	Whiston North	Knowsley	5,396
	Whiston South	Knowsley	5,302
	Bold	St. Helens	7,201
	Eccleston	St. Helens	9,127
	Rainhill	St. Helens	8,724
	Sutton	St. Helens	8,618
	Thatto Heath	St. Helens	9,153
	Town Centre	St. Helens	7,249
	West Park	St. Helens	8,444
55. Stockport North and Denton BC			75,516
	Brinnington and Central	Stockport	9,611
	Heatons North	Stockport	10,269
	Manor	Stockport	9,979
	Reddish North	Stockport	10,018
	Reddish South	Stockport	9,919
	Denton North East	Tameside	8,325
	Denton South	Tameside	8,156
	Denton West	Tameside	9,239
56. Stockport South and Cheadle BC			71,841
	Cheadle Hulme North	Stockport	9,682
	Cheadle Hulme South	Stockport	10,256
	Cheadle and Gatley	Stockport	11,434
	Davenport and Cale Green	Stockport	10,249
	Edgeley and Cheadle Heath	Stockport	10,005
	Heald Green	Stockport	9,664
	Heatons South	Stockport	10,551
57. Stretford and Urmston BC			76,104
	Ashton upon Mersey	Trafford	7,140
	Clifford	Trafford	7,004
	Davyhulme East	Trafford	7,358
	Davyhulme West	Trafford	7,413
	Flixton	Trafford	8,051
	Gorse Hill	Trafford	7,454
	Longford	Trafford	8,217
	St. Mary's	Trafford	8,060
	Stretford	Trafford	7,300
	Urmston	Trafford	8,107
58. Wallasey BC			76,052
	Leasowe and Moreton East	Wirral	10,480
	Liscard	Wirral	10,730
	Moreton West and Saughall Massie	Wirral	10,563
	New Brighton	Wirral	10,685
	Seacombe	Wirral	9,869
	Upton	Wirral	12,112
	Wallasey	Wirral	11,613
59. Warrington North BC			76,183
	Birchwood	Warrington	7,995
	Burtonwood and Winwick	Warrington	4,993
	Culcheth, Glazebury and Croft	Warrington	8,561
	Fairfield and Howley	Warrington	8,987
	Latchford East	Warrington	6,148
	Orford	Warrington	7,435
	Poplars and Hulme	Warrington	7,342
	Poulton North	Warrington	7,256
	Poulton South	Warrington	5,187
	Rixton and Woolston	Warrington	7,283
	Westbrook	Warrington	4,996

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60. Warrington South BC			76,806
	Appleton	Warrington	8,354
	Bewsey and Whitecross	Warrington	8,124
	Grappenhall and Thelwall	Warrington	7,659
	Great Sankey North	Warrington	4,988
	Great Sankey South	Warrington	8,046
	Hatton, Stretton and Walton	Warrington	2,513
	Latchford West	Warrington	5,626
	Lymm	Warrington	9,708
	Penketh and Cuerdley	Warrington	6,858
	Stockton Heath	Warrington	4,871
	Whittle Hall	Warrington	10,059
61. Weaver Vale CC			72,496
	Elton	Cheshire West and Chester	3,429
	Frodsham	Cheshire West and Chester	7,333
	Gowy	Cheshire West and Chester	3,263
	Hartford and Greenbank	Cheshire West and Chester	6,553
	Helsby	Cheshire West and Chester	3,960
	Kingsley	Cheshire West and Chester	3,523
	Marbury	Cheshire West and Chester	9,496
	Weaver and Cuddington	Cheshire West and Chester	10,336
	Winnington and Castle	Cheshire West and Chester	7,026
	Beechwood	Halton	2,946
	Daresbury	Halton	3,426
	Norton North	Halton	4,961
	Norton South	Halton	4,629
	Windmill Hill	Halton	1,615
62. West Cumbria CC			78,253
	Clifton	Allerdale	1,237
	Ellenborough	Allerdale	2,760
	Ewanrigg	Allerdale	2,289
	Flimby	Allerdale	1,295
	Harrington	Allerdale	2,512
	Moorclose	Allerdale	3,304
	Moss Bay	Allerdale	3,210
	Netherhall	Allerdale	2,210
	Seaton	Allerdale	3,908
	St. John's	Allerdale	4,257
	St. Michael's	Allerdale	3,506
	Stainburn	Allerdale	1,431
	Arlecdon	Copeland	1,170
	Beckermet	Copeland	2,307
	Bootle	Copeland	1,014
	Bransty	Copeland	3,777
	Cleator Moor North	Copeland	3,129
	Cleator Moor South	Copeland	2,007
	Distington	Copeland	3,053
	Egremont North	Copeland	3,208
	Egremont South	Copeland	2,832
	Ennerdale	Copeland	820
	Frizington	Copeland	2,033
	Gosforth	Copeland	1,114
	Harbour	Copeland	3,169
	Hensingham	Copeland	3,063
	Hillcrest	Copeland	2,025
	Kells	Copeland	1,956
	Mirehouse	Copeland	3,124
	Moresby	Copeland	1,065
	Sandwith	Copeland	1,942
	Seascale	Copeland	2,198
	St. Bees	Copeland	1,328

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63. West Lancashire CC			71,897
	Ashurst	West Lancashire	4,469
	Aughton Park	West Lancashire	3,159
	Aughton and Downholland	West Lancashire	4,551
	Bickerstaffe	West Lancashire	1,644
	Birch Green	West Lancashire	2,693
	Burscough East	West Lancashire	3,348
	Burscough West	West Lancashire	3,752
	Derby	West Lancashire	4,798
	Digmoor	West Lancashire	2,738
	Halsall	West Lancashire	1,689
	Knowsley	West Lancashire	4,466
	Moorside	West Lancashire	2,442
	Newburgh	West Lancashire	1,632
	Parbold	West Lancashire	3,009
	Rufford	West Lancashire	1,637
	Scarisbrick	West Lancashire	3,028
	Scott	West Lancashire	4,189
	Skelmersdale North	West Lancashire	2,837
	Skelmersdale South	West Lancashire	4,546
	Tanhouse	West Lancashire	3,176
	Up Holland	West Lancashire	4,820
	Wrightington	West Lancashire	3,274
64. Westmorland and Lonsdale CC			72,371
	Appleby (Appleby)	Eden	1,018
	Appleby (Bongate)	Eden	1,324
	Brough	Eden	1,035
	Kirkby Stephen	Eden	2,011
	Orton with Tebay	Eden	1,061
	Ravenstonedale	Eden	753
	Warcop	Eden	1,081
	Ambleside and Grasmere	South Lakeland	2,783
	Arnside and Beetham	South Lakeland	3,394
	Burneside	South Lakeland	1,625
	Burton and Holme	South Lakeland	2,901
	Cartmel and Grange West	South Lakeland	1,531
	Coniston and Crake Valley	South Lakeland	1,264
	Crooklands	South Lakeland	1,761
	Grange North	South Lakeland	1,754
	Grange South	South Lakeland	1,488
	Hawkshead	South Lakeland	1,406
	Holker	South Lakeland	1,522
	Kendal Castle	South Lakeland	1,443
	Kendal Far Cross	South Lakeland	1,651
	Kendal Fell	South Lakeland	1,572
	Kendal Heron Hill	South Lakeland	1,504
	Kendal Highgate	South Lakeland	1,577
	Kendal Kirkland	South Lakeland	1,591
	Kendal Mintsfeet	South Lakeland	1,525
	Kendal Nether	South Lakeland	1,602
	Kendal Oxenholme and Natland	South Lakeland	1,689
	Kendal Parks	South Lakeland	1,586
	Kendal Romney	South Lakeland	1,718
	Kendal Stonecross	South Lakeland	1,586
	Kendal Strickland	South Lakeland	1,498
	Kendal Underley	South Lakeland	1,597
	Levens	South Lakeland	1,688
	Lyth Valley	South Lakeland	1,812
	Milnthorpe	South Lakeland	1,626
	Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale	South Lakeland	4,705

Constituency	Ward	Local authority	Electorate
	Staveley-in-Cartmel	South Lakeland	1,550
	Staveley-in-Westmorland	South Lakeland	1,636
	Whinfell	South Lakeland	1,529
	Windermere Applethwaite and Troutbeck	South Lakeland	1,520
	Windermere Bowness North	South Lakeland	1,538
	Windermere Bowness South	South Lakeland	1,365
	Windermere Town	South Lakeland	1,551
65. Widnes and Runcorn BC			75,381
	Appleton	Halton	4,863
	Birchfield	Halton	5,292
	Broadheath	Halton	4,797
	Ditton	Halton	5,456
	Farnworth	Halton	6,415
	Grange	Halton	4,839
	Hale	Halton	1,497
	Halton Brook	Halton	4,790
	Halton Castle	Halton	4,568
	Halton Lea	Halton	4,513
	Halton View	Halton	5,181
	Heath	Halton	4,634
	Hough Green	Halton	5,155
	Kingsway	Halton	4,796
	Mersey	Halton	5,062
	Riverside	Halton	3,523
66. Wigan CC			72,733
	Aspull New Springs Whelley	Wigan	9,681
	Douglas	Wigan	9,013
	Ince	Wigan	8,270
	Pemberton	Wigan	9,120
	Shevington with Lower Ground	Wigan	8,984
	Standish with Langtree	Wigan	9,510
	Wigan Central	Wigan	8,839
	Wigan West	Wigan	9,316
67. Worsley and Eccles South CC			72,316
	Barton	Salford	8,341
	Boothstown and Ellenbrook	Salford	7,459
	Cadishead	Salford	8,015
	Irlam	Salford	6,885
	Little Hulton	Salford	8,790
	Walkden North	Salford	8,433
	Walkden South	Salford	7,884
	Winton	Salford	8,368
	Worsley	Salford	8,141
68. Wythenshawe and Sale East BC			75,919
	Baguley	Manchester	10,750
	Brooklands	Manchester	10,490
	Northenden	Manchester	11,055
	Sharston	Manchester	11,424
	Woodhouse Park	Manchester	9,924
	Brooklands	Trafford	7,672
	Priory	Trafford	7,454
	Sale Moor	Trafford	7,150

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Report to COUNCIL

District Plans and Spending Guidance

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8th November 2017

Reason for Decision

To sign-off the District Plans for 2017/18

Recommendation

To formally approve the District Plans that have been agreed by each District Executive

District Plans and Spending Guidance

1 Background

- 1.1 The attached documents set out the action plans for each of Oldham's seven Districts for the municipal year 2017/18. This is based on thorough consultation, analysis of the data, and deliberation by the elected Councillors in each District. It should be noted that the intention is for the priorities to be set on a rolling two year basis, but for the action plans to provide the detail of how these priorities will be delivered for one year.
- 1.2 Also included is a note detailing the approach for how Ward and Member budgets will be spent in order to deliver these plans. This approach was agreed at the Council meeting of 13th July 2016.

2 Financial Implications

Revenue

- 2.1 The 2017/18 Ward and Member's agreed revenue budget is as follows:

20 Wards (£10,000 per Ward) = **£200,000**
60 Councillors (£5,000 per Councillor) = **£300,000**

Capital

- 2.2 The 2017/18 agreed Capital budget is as follows:

20 Wards (£10,000 per Ward) = **£200,000**

- 2.3 There are no adverse financial implications as a result of implementing this guidance.

(Carl Holdaway)

3 Legal Services Comments

- 3.1 The Report Author has advised that the Ward and Member budgets are already in place and that all necessary consultations have taken place. There are no adverse legal implications. (Rebecca Boyle)

4 Co-operative Agenda

- 4.1 The allocation of Ward and Member budgets supports the Co-operative Agenda by ensuring funding is available to spend at a local level, where it can most closely reflect the needs of local communities.

5 Human Resources Comments

- 5.1 NA

6 Risk Assessments

6.1	NA
7	IT Implications
7.1	NA
8	Property Implications
8.1	NA
9	Procurement Implications
9.1	NA
10	Environmental and Health & Safety Implications
10.1	NA
11	Equality, community cohesion and crime implications
11.1	NA
12	Equality Impact Assessment Completed?
12.1	No
17	Key Decision
17.1	No
18	Key Decision Reference
18.1	NA
19	Background Papers
19.1	NA
20	Appendices
20.1	Appendix 1: Approach for how Ward and Member budgets will be spent in line with District Plans Appendix 2: District Plans for 2017/18

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Appendix 1

District Executives' Delegated Budgets

Approach to spending Ward and Member budgets in line with the District Plans

It is vital that Ward and Member budgets are spent to best effect to achieve positive outcomes for communities in each District. The priorities in the District Plans have been set specifically to identify the areas of most benefit to focus effort on in each District.

The following guidance must therefore be followed in spending Ward and Member budgets:

- Spend for Ward and Member budgets should be aligned to the priorities of your District Plan.
- To enable this to happen, budgets should only be spent in accordance with an agreed action plan which has been formally signed off by the District Executive and which should include an indicative spend for each priority.
- The only exception to this is where there are existing substantial pieces of work in train the previous municipal year, which are coming to fruition now. So long as these are in line with your priorities, this work can continue even if it is not in the current year's action plan.
- If something unexpected happens during the course of the year that means that you feel you do need to spend on something not in your priorities then you can do so, but you will be expected to explain why this has happened as part of your annual report.
- Alternatively to increase flexibility, you could consider having a small 'community fund' set aside for supporting small community groups to become more active, as part of a priority to increase community involvement and ownership of their area in line with the main objective of creating thriving communities.

All spend of Ward and Member budgets must fall under one of these bullet points. This will be audited to ensure it happens, and reported to District Chairs and the Lead Portfolio holder for Co-operatives and Neighbourhoods.

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District Action Plans – October 2017

Chadderton

1 - Community Resilience and building a Co-operative approach

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Supporting the community Support events of cultural and traditional significance in Chadderton Support our voluntary groups to lead on community events	District Team	December 2017 (annual event) April 2018	DE/Councillor budgets Chadderton Christmas Lights and switch on events	Whole of Chadderton
Support community/voluntary activity through small grants in line with the priorities of the Chadderton District Executive	District Team	April 2018	DE/ Councillor Budgets required to assist to match fund local fundraising and external funding applications	Whole of Chadderton
Support groups to access other local funding streams	Cllrs/ District Team	April 2018		Whole of Chadderton
Develop borough wide initiatives in Chadderton such as Get Oldham Growing and Borough-wide Oral Health Campaign	District Team	April 2018	£1,000 allocated from DE for a local campaign	Whole of Chadderton
Improving Community Facilities Support residents to make best use of buildings in the community	District Team	April 2018	District staff time	Whole of Chadderton
Support the future use of the Yew Tree after School provision	District Team	April 2019	£5,000 allocated from DE	South Chadderton
Improve communication between residents/businesses with the Council and partners Help residents navigate council services more	District Team Cllrs	Ongoing	No funding required at this time	Whole of Chadderton

effective Expand the reach of the district network and facebook page				
Develop allotments and growing hubs/food networks Burnley Brow growing hub and community Garden Continued support for the existing schemes	District Team /Green Space Development Team	March 2018	Initial Councillor Funding secured with successful external funding application	Whole of Chadderton
Deliver Citizen Advice Service at a District level to best suit the community		Dec 2018	£18,000 (DE allocations)	Whole of Chadderton
Support for Children and Young People Support ongoing youth provision & activity Support and develop the delivery of activities for young people through the community and volunteers Ensure safe, good quality provision for young people	District Team /Sue Palfrey	April 2018		Whole of Chadderton

2 - Improving Health and Wellbeing

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Outdoor Health and Wellbeing Promote informal recreation/sport activity in council parks and open spaces and footpath networks Promote and develop the wider physical activity offer available for residents in the district Invest in the improvement of sports facilities and clubs where opportunities arise	District Team /Health and Wellbeing Sub Group District Team /Green Space Development Team	Dec 2018	£10,000 allocated to 'Get Chadderton Moving' programme	Whole of Chadderton

		Dec 2018		
Support local people to adopt healthy lifestyles through Oral health promotion Promotion of health checks MECC (making every contact count) messages Targeted campaigns e.g. Men's Health Improved awareness of wider health campaigns	District Team (Health and Wellbeing Sub Group)	May 2018	£1000 allocated from DE to widen the borough wide delivery model	Whole of Chadderton
Social Prescribing' Investigate the creation of a 'social prescribing' model for Chadderton working with wider Chadderton Health colleagues (CCG) and partner organisations	District Team (Health and Wellbeing Subgroup)	Ongoing	No funding required at this time	Whole of Chadderton
Reduce alcohol related health and social harms Develop a programme of targeted work based on areas where there appears to be high levels of alcohol abuse.	District Team (Health and Wellbeing subgroup)	Dec 2018	Use free resources such as drink aware, change for life and Power to Resist information.	Whole of Chadderton
Promote good mental health Support mental health interventions for all ages and in particular children and young people	District Team (Health and Wellbeing subgroup)	Aug 2018	£5,000 DE budget to support Off the Record Counselling service £1,000 DE budget	Whole of Chadderton
To reduce isolation and loneliness Support intergenerational projects Evaluate/continue to deliver additional activities which will increase opportunities for local people to engage in	District Team / AgeUK (Health and Wellbeing subgroup)	April 2018	£10,000 DE budget to support initiatives	Whole of Chadderton

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3 - Improving the Environment

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
<p>Support communities to improve, enhance and maintain the local environment</p> <p>Work to further enhance the physical environment of the district by supporting community groups with clean ups and planting schemes etc</p> <p>Support local initiatives to reduce general levels of litter and fly tipping in high demand areas via education and reporting mechanisms</p> <p>Continued the support to fund Summer and Winter planting commitments across the District</p>	<p>District Team / Environmental team</p> <p>District team/ Cllrs and Enforcement team</p>	<p>April 2018</p> <p>Summer and Winter 2017 /18</p>		Whole of Chadderton
<p>Investment in the natural and built environment</p> <p>Improve the environment by investing in environmental improvement schemes such as footpath improvements and enhanced maintenance works</p>	District Team	April 2018	Councillor and DE funding £2000 per year.	Whole of Chadderton
<p>Investment in pedestrian and traffic safety</p> <p>To help alleviate issues with parking, traffic and pedestrian safety, looking at hotspots across the district and working through potential interventions</p>	District Team / Cllrs (Road Safety sub group)	April 2017	Councillor and DE Capital/revenue	Hot spots across Chadderton

4 - People feeling safe in their local area

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Work with Police and partners to enhance community safety Invest in crime prevention measures such as target hardening and alley gating	District Team Cllrs / GMP	April 2018	Councillor and DE have allocated funds for the Safer Homes project for the past 3 years.	Hot spots across Chadderton
Continue to grow effective working relationships with Police and partners and share appropriate intelligence Encourage membership to the Chadderton Homewatch Association	District Team / GMP/ Community Safety	April 2018	No funding required at this time	Whole of Chadderton

5 - Educational Attainment & Employment

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Support residents to access support and training	Cllrs / District Team / Lifelong Learning	April 2018	Cllr Funding	Whole of Chadderton
Get Oldham Working Explore local opportunities for residents through Get Oldham Working	District Team /GOW team	Ongoing	No funding required at this time	Whole of Chadderton
Create additional venues to validate the Children's University programme Create a joint programme of activity with providers of youth provision	District Team / Suzy Ashworth	Ongoing		Whole of Chadderton South Ward

East Oldham

Priority 1 – Improving the Environment

Support communities to improve, enhance, and maintain the local environment				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Review how we tackle dumping, flytipping and poor environment	Flytipping steering group, District Team, Councillors	Ongoing	None from District	Oldham-wide
Supporting co-operative activity for winter maintenance.	Highways	Winter 2017	Funding as needed for additional grit bins. Agreed in 2017/18 : £1,650 for 8 additional grit bins	As necessary within the district
Grass verge works	Highway – St Mary's Wards	During 2017/18	£1,976 allocated	Clarksfield

Priority 2 – Anti-poverty and Supporting People in Need

Support local hubs and services that people can easily access				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Continue to support the provision of high demand local advice services, via the C.A.B.	NEON - Holt Street Hub	During 2017/18	£7,100 allocated	Greenacres (supports wider area)
Explore alternative ways of funding and/or providing local advice services.	District Team, Corporate Policy and Stronger Communities	During 2017/18	Officer time	N/A
Support the development of community hubs across the district	District Team, Action Together, Various groups	During 2017/18	Officer time	Across the district

Priority 3 – Improving health and well-being

Support local people to adopt healthy lifestyles				
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Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Develop health and wellbeing advice and activities from community hubs, as appropriate. Oral Health, health checks, exercise classes, walking groups, social activity	District Team, Action Together, Community partners	During 2017/18	To be identified as necessary	Community hubs in East Oldham
Support young people with emotional and mental health issues	Off The Record Counselling Service	Until October 2018	£8000 allocated	Greenacres (supports wider area)
Support the roll-out of GP Cluster working arrangements, and development of the Thriving Communities programme across the District	District Team, Health partners, Action Together	Ongoing	Supported via GM Transformation fund	Across the district

Priority 4 – Community Engagement and Activities

Encourage co-operative activity and build community capacity				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Groups to be supported to access other local funding streams	Officer time	Ongoing	Officer time	District-wide
Provide sports activities for young people	Kickz	During 2017/18	£2,220 allocated	Derker
Support community activity within the St James' Ward	FOSP, SMCT	During 2017/18	£2,000 Cllr	Derker and Sholver
Activities to promote Community Cohesion	Hathershaw Community Support Team	During 2017/18	£2,000 Rev 16/17	Hathershaw
Support WWI commemorative activity around Walter Mills VC	District Team	December 2017	£2,500 17/18 and £500 16/17 allocated	Town Centre

Priority 5 – Open Space, Community and Recreational Facilities

Improve and develop high quality open spaces for the local community
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Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Site Improvement work to the open space at Glenn Road	Parks Team	During 2017/18	£2,000 Rev – 16/17	Clarksfield
Support the community to take on, improve and manage open space	Arundel Street – Clarksfield Community Group, Parks Team, IFOldham, District Team Waterhead Park – VIP Project, Parks Team, District Team	During 2017/18	Initial phase completed with mixture of funding from 2016/17. Phase two to be developed £10,000 Capital towards provision of new building at Waterhead Park	Clarksfield and Waterhead
Support delivery of community activities at Moorside Cricket	Moorside Cricket Club	During 2017/18	£1,000 capital towards resurfacing of car park	Moorside

Priority 6 – People feeling safe in their local area

Work with partners and communities to foster safer neighbourhoods				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Work with local services, agencies, and partners to monitor community safety issues and develop partnership responses	District Team, Police, FCHO, others	Ongoing	N/A	District-wide
Outreach youth engagement in Stoneleigh Park	Outreach Youth Service	Summer 2017	£2,280 allocated	St James' Ward
St Mary's Alleygating schemes	Community Safety	2017	£2,350 capital allocated	Glodwick and Clarksfield
Development of pilot activity in the Hathershaw area	District Team, GMP, Selective Licensing, OHIP partners, Immigration	2017/18	£20,000 funding secured from PCC £2,000 funding from Community Safety	Hathershaw
Purchase of body-worn cameras for St James' Ward PCSO's	GMP	2017	£1,080 allocated	St James' Ward

Security lighting scheme – Alexandra Ward	District Team, Community Safety	2017/18	£5,000 allocated from 2016/17	Alexandra Ward
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Failsworth and Hollinwood

Community resilience and building a co-operative approach
Member responsibility: Councillor Sean Fielding

Action	Lead	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Continue to identify groups and active individuals across Failsworth & Hollinwood	Community Development Officer – Jodie Hendry	April 2018	District Team/Elected Members	Failsworth & Hollinwood
Through established groups share good practices to up and coming groups/individuals	Community Development Officer – Jodie Hendry	April 2018	District Team/Elected Members	Failsworth & Hollinwood
Support local greenspaces to become to be a real community hub	District Coordinator - Penny Kenworthy/Cllr E Garry	April 2018		Failsworth & Hollinwood
Supporting the community: support our voluntary groups to lead on community events including events of cultural and traditional significance	Community Development Officer – Jodie Hendry and Elected Members	April 2018	District Team/Elected Members DE/Councillor budgets Christmas Lights and switch on events (DE allocation)	Failsworth & Hollinwood
Supporting the community Support community/voluntary activity through small grants in line with the priorities of the Failsworth & Hollinwood District also support groups support groups to access other local funding streams	District Team/Elected Members	April 2018	DE/ Councillor Budgets required to assist to match fund local fundraising and external funding applications	Failsworth & Hollinwood
Develop borough wide initiatives such as Get Oldham Growing and Dementia Friendly Communities	Community Development Officer – Jodie Hendry and Elected Members	April 2018	DE/ Councillor Budgets Public Health Funding/Action	Failsworth & Hollinwood

			Together/Green Dividend	
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Improving health and well-being
Members Responsibility: Cllr Steve Williams

Action	Lead	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Improving child obesity, understand what schools in the area are already doing through school meals and before and after school settings	District Coordinator - Penny Kenworthy	April 2018	TBC	Failsworth & Hollinwood
Work with schools on after school activities that encourage healthy lifestyles, informal access to green space.	District Coordinator – Penny Kenworthy	April 2018		Failsworth & Hollinwood
Link schools into existing growing hubs to influence healthy eating & growing	Community Development Officer – Jodie Hendry	May 2018		Failsworth & Hollinwood
Encourage uptake of health checks/health screening	District Coordinator - Penny Kenworthy/Public Health/Elected Members	April 2018		Failsworth & Hollinwood
Explore what can do in relation to encouraging reduction in alcohol consumption: start by understanding what is causing the issue	District Coordinator - Penny Kenworthy/Public Health/Elected Members	April 2018	TBC based on actions identified from initial research	Failsworth & Hollinwood
With partners, ensure that the district health and well-being	District Coordinator – Penny Kenworthy	April 2018		Failsworth & Hollinwood

priority issues are addressed via a co-ordinated approach				
Improving the quality of life for the over 55's through partners to reduce isolation and loneliness	District Coordinator – Penny Kenworthy	April 2018	Existing provision	Failsworth & Hollinwood

Improving the environment

Members Responsibility: Cllr Cherryl Brock

Action	Lead	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Using enforcement powers keeping our parks clean and safe	Community Safety/Elected Members	July 2017		Failsworth
Street tree planting to be continued to include the previously agreed locations at; PHASE 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timpson Street - James Street - Church Street - Pole Lane PHASE 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stansford Road - Clifton Street - Minor Street - Kensington Road - Totton Road 		Phase 5 March 2018 Phase 6 March 2019	Ward budgets and councillor individual budgets to match possible Green Dividend funding	Failsworth East
Finalise Higher Failsworth Memorial Park Masterplan for formal adoption by Oldham Council.	District Coordinator – Penny Kenworthy/Failsworth East Members	April 2018		Failsworth East

Continue with ongoing Dog Fouling campaign including the replenishment of dog waste bag bins in; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Higher Failsworth Memorial Park - Westminster Park 		April 2018		Failsworth East
Failsworth District Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of new footpaths on desire lines from the Health Centre to the Canal - Maintenance plan for grass embankment from Oldham Road (near Ben Brierley Wharf) - Review of alleyway from Failsworth Town Hall to car park near shops to include lighting, footpath inclines and inappropriate fencing 		April 2018		Failsworth East/West
Support communities to improve, enhance and maintain the local environment	Community Development Officer – Jodie Hendry Team / Environmental team	April 2018	Existing resources any additional TBC	Failsworth & Hollinwood
Support Summer and Winter planting commitments throughout the district	District Coordinator – Penny Kenworthy	July 2018		

To continue to support grit bins in agreed locations that do not fit the criteria set out by the council.	Elected Members	January 2018		Failsworth
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People feeling safe in their local area

Members Responsibility: Cllr Elaine Garry and Cllr Cheryl Brock

Action	Lead	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Work with schools, GMP, Partners and Failsworth Youth Zone (MADHLO) on positive alternatives in school holidays and seasonal trends to alleviate anti-social behaviour	District Coordinator - Penny Kenworthy/GMP and Partners	April 2018	Existing resources	Failsworth & Hollinwood
Encourage people to think about their vulnerability to crime especially burglary – how to protect themselves	Community Safety/Community Development Officer – Jodie Hendry	April 2018	Existing Resource	Failsworth & Hollinwood
Targeted initiatives to identify vulnerable locations/individuals or groups who have/could be subjected to crime	Community Safety/Community Development Officer – Jodie Hendry			
Consider specific enforcement activity at the Failsworth and Hollinwood Metrolink Stop	District Coordinator - Penny Kenworthy and GMP		Multi agency approach to tackle the ongoing issues at each Metrolink stop	Failsworth & Hollinwood

Educational Attainment & Employment

Members Responsibility: Cllr Jean Stretton and Cllr N Briggs

Action	Lead	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Continue to support the delivery of youth provision in the district which engages young people to become active, successful and engages citizens.	District Coordinator – Penny Kenworthy	April 2018	DE/Elected Member Budgets	Failsworth & Hollinwood
Explore local opportunities for residents through Get Oldham Working	District Coordinator – Penny Kenworthy	April 2018	DE/Elected Member Budgets	Failsworth & Hollinwood
Promote and support residents to access support and training available within the District. To include possibilities borough wide	District Coordinator – Penny Kenworthy	April 2018	DE/Elected Member Budgets	Failsworth & Hollinwood

Royton

Community resilience and building a co-operative approach

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Continue to identify groups and active individuals in Royton – including identifying the geographic places covered and topics/issues/areas of interest	Cllrs/Community development Worker	May 2018	None additional	All of Royton
Identify opportunities for groups to work together e.g. to share knowledge regarding governance, exchange skills, share resources.	Cllrs/CDW	May 2018	Possible requests for funding events	All of Royton

Identify gaps where some places do not have any groups operating and what opportunities there might be to fill these gaps	CDW	Ongoing	A further £1,736 of community chest funding was allocated from 2016/17 budget. £228 c/f from 15/16. Total available fund is £1,946 2 funding cycles per annum.	Areas of Royton where gaps are identified from earlier work and capacity can be built on with existing groups.
Ensure that information is easily available to organisations regarding funding opportunities. Eg information on facebook, links to Oldham Action Together, information sheets.	CDW	March 2018	None additional	All of Royton
To have an annual Christmas lights display in the district centre. To have a Christmas tree at an agreed location (eg. tree Shaw Rd end)	Liz Fryman	November 2017	Lights £4,000 Tree £1,000	All of Royton

Improving health and well-being

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
With partners, identify health and well-being priority issues for young people and engage with partners to add value to current work programmes	Liz Fryman	May 2018	Additional resources may be required to commission specific targeted programmes.	
With partners, ensure that the district health and well-being priority issues are addressed via a co-ordinated approach		May 2018	Additional resources may be required to commission specific targeted programmes, eg. Walking, weight loss, etc.	
Increase use of our outdoor space by supporting improvement works, public engagement and access to information.				

Improving the environment

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make walk leader training available to residents and then support to run own walks - Consider using the library as a starting point for some walks 	CDW	May 2018	<p>Likely to be some costs associated</p> <p>A June 2017 course is already accounted for, but consider setting aside money for a further course in March 2018, following evaluation.</p>	All of Royton
To continue to support grit bins in agreed locations that do not fit the criteria set out by the council.	Linda Cain	Ongoing	£895 Royton North. Royton South – budget allocated, if available, as refills are required.	All of Royton.
To provide Summer/winter planting displays.	Liz Fryman	Seasonal	Town centre £2,766.75, Heyside planters £1,214.25	All of Royton
To lead the redevelopment of the Royton Town Hall complex	Cllrs	December 2018	None additional likely from District budgets	District Centre

People feeling safe in their local area

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Continue to develop plans with the police and other partners to respond to ASB issues around the town centre.	Liz Fryman Phil Bonworth	May 2018	Likely to require some additional funding	All of Royton
Continue to develop partnership work with the police to encourage residents to be more proactive in protecting themselves, e.g. locking doors, not leaving valuables on display.	Liz Fryman Phil Bonworth	September 2017	May require some additional for target hardening individuals.	All of Royton

Educational Attainment & Employment

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Continue to support the delivery of youth provision in the district which engages young people to become active, successful and engages citizens.			Allocation agreed to commission additional youth provision £20,000	All of Royton
Continue to support local schools and pre-school providers to increase reading scheme resources.				

Saddleworth and Lees

Community resilience and building a co-operative approach

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce isolation and loneliness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with TfGM to develop and Commission a 'Saddleworth village loop' bus service ○ Evaluate/continue to support Womens DIY/'She Sheds' (currently delivered at Springhead Community Centre) ○ Help to ensure the sustainability of the Men in Sheds project in Saddleworth and Lees 	<p>Lisa Macdonald/Christine Wilson/ Traffic and Transport sub group</p> <p>Christine Wilson/volunteer workers</p> <p>Lisa Macdonald/Age UK</p>	<p>Aug 2018</p> <p>Aug 2018</p> <p>June 2018</p>	<p>No funding required at this time</p> <p>No funding at this time</p> <p>No funding required at this time</p>	<p>Saddleworth North and South</p> <p>Saddleworth West and Lees (Springhead Community Centre)</p> <p>Whole of Saddleworth and Lees</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Help to support residents with positive activities and events 	Lisa Macdonald	June 2018	Indicative allocation £2,000	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support intergenerational projects 	Christine Wilson/Sue Palfrey	June 2018	Options to be explored as required	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supporting the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dawson's Field Annual Fun Day Support for Scouthead and Austerlands Community Association 	Christine Wilson/ Scouthead and Austerlands Community Association/Saddleworth Parish Council	Annually – next event July 2018 TBA	£1,500 DE/Councillor budgets level of support TBC	Dawson's Field Scouthead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support events of cultural and traditional significance in Saddleworth and Lees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Band Contest 	Lisa Macdonald/Christine Wilson Lisa Macdonald	June 2018 June 2018	DE/Councillor Budget (indicative allocation) £4,000 DE/Councillor Budgets (Indicative allocation £17,000)	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support community/voluntary activity through small grants in line with the priorities of the Saddleworth and Lees District Executive 	Christine Wilson	June 2018	DE/ Councillor Budgets (indicative allocation £15,000)	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support groups to access other 	Christine Wilson	June 2018		Whole of

funding streams				Saddleworth and Lees
○ Support the work of the Community Development Worker	Christine Wilson	June 2018	DE Budget £1,000	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
○ Develop borough wide initiatives in Saddleworth and Lees such as Get Oldham Growing and Dementia Friendly Communities	Christine Wilson	June 2018	No funding required at this time	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
○ Support for Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan	Lisa Macdonald/Jane Soriente/Christine Wilson	2019	No funding required at this time	Whole Saddleworth
○ Support for Holts and Lees Project	Lisa Macdonald/Christine Wilson	2018	No funding required at this time	Saddleworth and Lees
○ Support for Saddleworth and Lees Christmas Lights costs and switch on events	Lisa Macdonald/Jane Soriente	December 2017 (annual event)	DE allocation (based on 2016/17 costs £5,500)	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
○ Support for additional winter maintenance and hand held gritters	Lisa Macdonald/Jane Soriente	Winter 2017/18	DE allocation (based on 2016/17 costs £4,278)	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improving Community Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support residents to make best use of buildings/land in the community 	Lisa Macdonald/Christine Wilson	June 2018	Options to be explored as required	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support the future use of the Satellite Centre 	Lisa Macdonald/ Christine Wilson	June 2018	Options to be explored as required	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improve communication between residents/businesses with the Council and partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support the asset transfer process ○ Help residents navigate council services more effectively ○ Expand the reach of the district e-network and Facebook page 	Lisa Macdonald	June 2018	No funding required at this time	Whole of Saddleworth and Less
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop allotments and growing hubs/food networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lees Park growing hub and social enterprise ○ Support for community development opportunities around Lees Park 	Lisa Macdonald/Christine Wilson/ Green Space Development Team	June 2018	No funding required at this time	Saddleworth West and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support for children and young people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support and develop the delivery of activities for young people through the community and volunteers 	Lisa Macdonald/Sue Palfrey	June 2018	No funding required at this time	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees

- Ensure safe, good quality provision for young people

Improving health and well-being

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outdoor Health and Wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promote informal recreation/sport activity in council parks and open spaces and footpath networks ○ Promote and develop the wider physical activity offer available for residents in the district ○ Invest in the improvement of sports facilities and clubs where opportunities arise ○ Churchill 'trim trail' ○ Redevelopment of the skate park and lighting at Churchill Playing Fields 	<p>Lisa Macdonald/ Health and Wellbeing Sub Group</p> <p>Lisa Macdonald/Green Space Development Team</p> <p>Lisa Macdonald/Cllr Hewitt/Green Space Development Team</p>	<p>June 2018</p> <p>June 2018</p> <p>June 2018</p>	<p>Existing resources (there may be opportunities to commission additional activity)</p> <p>Funding sources to be explored</p> <p>External funding sources to be explored anlong with DE Capital</p>	<p>Whole of Saddleworth and Lees</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support local people to adopt 	<p>Lisa Macdonald</p>	<p>June 2018</p>	<p>No funding required at this time</p>	<p>Whole of</p>

<p>healthy lifestyles through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oral health promotion ○ Promotion of health checks ○ MECC (making every contact count) messages ○ Targeted campaigns e.g. Mens Health ○ Support GM Nutrition and Hydration Project (over 65's) ○ Improved awareness of wider health campaigns 	(Health and Wellbeing Sub Group)			Saddleworth and
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 'Social Prescribing' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investigate the creation of an integrated model for 'social prescribing' and caring for patients and individuals with complex needs Saddleworth and Lees 	Lisa Macdonald (Health and Wellbeing Subgroup) CCG Transformation Manager and wider partnership	June 2018	No funding required at this time	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reduce alcohol related health and social harms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to roll out and deliver Power 2 Resist programme in schools and community – moving towards a sustainable means of changing behaviour and attitudes towards alcohol consumption ○ Develop a programme of targeted work based on areas where there appears to be high levels of alcohol abuse. 	Lisa Macdonald/Sue Palfrey (Health and Wellbeing subgroup)	June 2018	Public Health district allocation committed Use free resources such as drink aware, change for life	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote good mental health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support mental health interventions for all ages and in particular children and young people ○ Support MIND (TOG) delivery of community model 	Lisa Macdonald/Sue Palfrey	June 2018	Initial investment secured	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
	Lisa Macdonald/Christine Wilson	June 2018	Funding options to be explored	

Improving the environment

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support communities to improve, enhance and maintain the local environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work to further enhance the physical environment of the district by supporting community groups with clean ups and planting schemes etc 	Lisa Macdonald/Paul Byrne (Environment Committee)	April 2018	Existing resources any additional TBC	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support Summer and Winter planting commitments 	Lisa Macdonald	Summer and winter 2017/18	Allocation from the DE £3,555	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in the natural and built environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve the environment by investing in environmental improvement schemes such as footpath improvements and enhanced maintenance works 	Lisa Macdonald/Paul Byrne	June 2018	Councillor and DE allocations Indicative allocation £4,000	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in pedestrian and traffic safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To help alleviate issues with parking, traffic and pedestrian safety, looking at hotspots across the district and working through potential interventions ○ Improvements to Saddleworth Leisure Centre Car Park to improve the safety for school swimming coaches, pedestrians and vehicles. ○ To investigate opportunities to improve the safety and environment in Lees Village centre to benefit pedestrians and businesses 	<p>Lisa Macdonald/Traffic and Transport sub group</p> <p>Lisa Macdonald/Saddleworth West and Lees Ward Councillors/Traffic Engineers</p>	<p>June 2018</p> <p>June 2018</p> <p>June 2018</p>	<p>Councillor and DE Capital/revenue TBC as issues and solutions arise</p> <p>DE Capital Budget</p> <p>Funding to be concerned</p>	Hot spots across Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to flooding incidents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investigate community response to flooding issues in Saddleworth and Lees 	DP in partnership with the Parish Council	June 2018	No funding required at this time	Hot spots across Saddleworth and Lees

People feeling safe in their local area

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Police and partners to enhance community safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to work with businesses in Uppermill and Lees ○ Investment in zero zone initiative 	Lisa Macdonald/GMP/Community Safety Services	June 2018 June 2018	No funding required at this time Funding allocated from previous DP allocations	Saddleworth South with potential to be replicated across whole of Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invest in crime prevention measures such as target hardening and alley gating 	Lisa Macdonald/Mike Fleming	June 2018	Councillor and DE allocations £2,000 allocation in 2016/17	Hot spots across Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investigate opportunities for CCTV to improve safety on Uppermill High Street) 	Lisa Macdonald/Response Services	June 2018	TBC – estimated cost £23-25,000	High Street, Uppermill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to grow effective working relationships with Police and partners and share appropriate intelligence 	Lisa Macdonald/ Mike Fleming	June 2018	No funding required at this time	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees

Educational Attainment & Employment

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Business to thrive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support Lees High Street Investment Fund 	Lisa Macdonald/Liz Kershaw	June 2018	Existing Resources	Saddleworth West and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support residents to access support and training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support community organisations to provide IT for local residents 	Lisa Macdonald/Christine Wilson	June 2018	No funding required at this time	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunities to promote Saddleworth and Lees as a tourism destination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with the Council's Economy and Skills Team to seek opportunities and funding sources to support the tourism economy 	Lisa Macdonald/Louise Slater	June 2018	No funding required at this time	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Oldham Working <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explore local opportunities for residents through Get Oldham Working 	Lisa Macdonald/GOW team	June 2018	No funding required at this time	Whole of Saddleworth and Lees

Shaw and Crompton

1. Environmental Improvement

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Improve local green spaces by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with residents to identify locations for possible works Supporting residents to come together and improve green spaces through their own efforts, eg. Litter picks, community gardens, Friends of groups, etc. Take action where necessary to protect public space (eg, Crompton Moor PSPO) 	Liz Fryman Phil Lent Paul Byrnes Eve Edwards	May 2018	Resources will be needed as identified on a case by case basis	Whole of Shaw and Crompton
Reduce the amount of litter on the streets by - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with residents and partners to encourage people to reduce the amount of littering Encourage residents to keep the streets clean and tidy (this includes both council and non-council land) Support messaging to residents to keep their local area clean and tidy 	EVE EDWARDS	Ongoing	<i>Comms materials Litter patrols £1000</i>	Whole of Shaw and Crompton
Reduce the amount of dog fouling through– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education, communication and messaging More signage (of how and where to dispose of) Increased enforcement Purchase colourful dog bags and 	EVE EDWARDS		<i>Additional enforcement (?), printing, signage and purchase of bags. £2,000 indicative amount for each area targeted</i>	Whole of Shaw and Crompton

distribute near bins				
Christmas lights – trees and high street	Liz Fryman	Dec 2018	Indicative amount £4,700	
Summer and winter planting	Liz Fryman	Summer and winter	Indicative amount £5,000	

2. Young People

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Provide opportunities for young people to engage positively and be supported to have a productive and fulfilling future. This includes: 1. commissioning an additional weekly session of youth work for young people in the district 2. commission school holiday provision	Liz Fryman	May 2018	Agreed budget £5,000 to match fund Full Circle's Kerching Fund, for weekly HCP session and for school holiday provision	Whole of Shaw and Crompton
Continue to grow effective working relationships with the police on an ongoing basis and share appropriate intelligence.	Liz Fryman	Ongoing	Within existing resources	Whole of Shaw and Crompton
Ensure that all enforcement interventions are applied appropriately and effectively at all times.	Phil Bonworth	ongoing	Within existing resources	Whole of Shaw and Crompton
Work alongside Trading Standards to support and encourage Test Purchasing relating to the sale of alcohol & cigarettes to the underage	Liz Fryman Phil Bonworth	Ongoing	TBC	Whole of Shaw and Crompton

3. Health and Wellbeing

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Continue to develop and engage in the Ambition for Ageing and Ageing Well initiatives. Engaging with Age UK and other key partners	Liz Fryman Eve Edwards Cllrs	Ongoing	Ambition for Aging is a fully funded scheme.	Whole of Shaw and Crompton
Work with residents and partners to engage with Health and Wellbeing initiatives, for example reduce child obesity, education relating to healthy eating and keeping children healthy, reducing alcohol and drug use.	HWB sub group Liz Fryman Eve Edwards	Ongoing	Probably within existing resources	Whole of Shaw and Crompton
Engage pro-actively with Ambition for Aging to identify how Social Isolation can be reduced, especially for the elderly and make recommendations to partners and DE	Liz Fryman Eve Edwards HWB sub group	March 2018	Within existing resources	Whole of Shaw and Crompton
Explore what we can do in relation to encourage stakeholders to deliver intergenerational activities. The aim is to increase respect, break down barriers and facilitate skill share	Liz Fryman EVE EDWARDS	September 2018	TBC as possible actions are identified Lack of stakeholders outside of statutory and uniformed bodies poses a threat to this priority	Whole of Shaw and Crompton

4. A thriving community with vibrant voluntary organisations

Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Continue to improve connectivity in community/social networks.	EVE EDWARDS	March 2018	Existing resource	Whole of Shaw and Crompton
Explore Community Gardens and possible delivery organisations/vehicles. Emphasise the	EVE EDWARDS	March 2018	Local knowledge and partnership working.	Whole of Shaw and Crompton

social aspect and encouraging people to take part as a social activity.				
<p>Encourage community activists to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support others in their neighbourhood by being 'good neighbours' • Recognise where they might be able to improve their neighbourhood and take action alongside others. • Join forces to establish new community organisations • Continue to sustain and grow existing community organisations and activities 	<p>Cllrs EVE EDWARDS</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Events group grant £2,000 Engagement with Ambition for Ageing Programme</p>	<p>Whole of Shaw and Crompton</p>

West Oldham

Improving the Environment

Support communities to improve, enhance, and maintain the local environment				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Review how we tackle dumping, flytipping and poor environment	District Team Hubbub	Jan 2018	District Team and Environmental Services	West Oldham
Work with residents, schools, voluntary, community, and faith groups to develop local environmental action areas to support community activity in maintaining and improving the environment	District Team	March 2018	Materials and equipment to support and promote community activity Utilise budget allocated in 2016/17, with a commitment to top up from the 2017/18 budget if necessary	West Oldham
Improving local sites and green spaces with partners and local communities and increase area pride:	District Team	Ongoing	Some funding, officer time, and volunteers	
Develop as sensory garden at Tudor Street open space	Environmental Services/Sparc	Summer 2018	£5,000 Capital. Sparc would undertake ongoing maintenance	Werneth
Redesign and install new low maintenance open space at the corner Chelmsford St and Werneth Hall Rd	Great Places	Summer 2018	£2,000 Capital + In kind	Werneth
Provide additional equipment and benches for the Cottam Street pocket park being developed as part of the Westwood Park replacement scheme	Environmental Services	March 2018	£4,000 Capital	Coldhurst
Supporting co-operative activity for winter maintenance.	Highways	Oct 2017	Refill for 10 additional grit bins £3,100 Revenue	Coldhurst Werneth Coppice

Improving Community Facilities

Support local hubs and services that people can easily access				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
<p>Develop and support Community Hubs (see also “Improving Health and Wellbeing”), with a varied offer. This would be tailored to local need, but aimed predominantly at supporting people in need.</p> <p>The District will look to develop and support the offer in the following district hubs Clarkwell Tenants Hall Werneth and Freehold Community Development Project Primrose Centre Honeywell Centre</p>	District Team	March 2018 and ongoing	<p>Financial support will be required to develop appropriate activity or invest in some local facilities. This could be subject to change, depending on further assessment and work with the local community and centres.</p> <p>Funding from the District Executive 2016/17 budget was committed, however additional funding may be required</p>	Clarkwell Werneth Coppice Hathershaw
Continue to support the provision of high demand local advice services, delivered by the CAB.	CAB	Present to Dec 2017	District provision is being supported by previous year DE funding until Dec 2017.	Werneth Coppice Hathershaw
Explore alternative ways of funding and/or providing local advice services.	District Team and Policy	December 2017	Oldham Council commission for Advice services	Oldham
Support proposals to keep Grange pitch available for community use.	Estates District Team	March 2018 and beyond		Coldhurst

Improving health and well-being

Support local people to adopt healthy lifestyles				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
<p>Develop health and wellbeing advice and activities from community hubs, as appropriate. Oral Health, health checks, exercise classes, walking groups, social activity</p>	District Team	March 2018	Local hubs where appropriate activity can take place	West Oldham
Support Over 50s activity at the OBA Millennium Centre to encourage healthy lifestyles, relationships, and tackle social isolation	OBA Millennium Centre	August 2018	<p>Revenue funding for acidity workers and equipment. District Executive revenue £2,500 Coldhurst Councillors Budget £2,500</p>	Coldhurst

Supporting local community groups

Encourage co-operative activity and build community capacity				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Continue a small grant scheme to support local community activity that meets District priorities.	Elected Members and District Team	March 2018	Councillors funding £45,000 Revenue	West Oldham
Werneth women's support and capacity building	Werneth and Freehold Community Development Project	Upto March 2018	Additional capacity at Werneth and Freehold Community Development Project £2,500 Revenue	Freehold/Werneth
Local community groups to be supported to access other local funding streams	District Team and Action Together	Ongoing	Officer time	West Oldham

Educational Attainment & Employment

Support the aspirations of families and young people to achieve a good educational foundation.				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
Support the development of a Werneth based scheme to improve work opportunities and skills primarily targeting the Over 50 population.	Centre for Ageing Better Get Oldham Working District Team	Dec 2018	Local community venue and office facilities Costs yet to be determined	Werneth

People feeling safe in their local area

Work with partners and communities to foster safer neighbourhoods				
Action	By Who?	By When?	Resources needed	In which places?
To support local communities to take ownership of shared spaces to improve safety	Community Safety Services	Mar 2018	To cover the costs of installing new alleygate schemes	Werneth Coppice
Provide crime reduction advice and equipment during high risk periods	Community Safety Services GMP District Team	November 2017	£3,000 District Executive Revenue to provide crime reduction devices	West Oldham
Work with local services, agencies, and partners to monitor community safety issues and develop partnership responses	District Team	Ongoing	Partnership plans and resources	West Oldham

