

Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting
Wednesday 3 November 2021**

OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 26 October 2021

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 3 November 2021 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, for the following purposes:

- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 2 To order that the Minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on 8th September 2021 and the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th September 2021 be signed as a correct record (Pages 1 - 38)
- 3 To receive declarations of interest in any matter to be determined at the meeting
- 4 To deal with matters which the Mayor considers to be urgent business
- 5 To receive communications relating to the business of the Council
- 6 Greater Manchester Policing Plan
- 7 To receive and note petitions received relating to the business of the Council
(time limit 20 minutes)

There are no petitions to note.

- 8 Leader's Annual Statement
- 9 Youth Council
(time limit 20 minutes)

There is no Youth Council business to consider.

- 10 Questions Time
 - a Public Questions
(time limit 15 Minutes)
 - b Questions to Leader and Cabinet
(time limit 30 minutes)
 - c Questions on Cabinet Minutes (Pages 39 - 44)

(time limit 15 minutes)

23rd August 2021

13th September 2021

d Questions on Joint Arrangements (Pages 45 - 136)

(time limit 15 minutes)

GM Waste and Recycling Committee	13 th July 2021
GM Health and Social Care Partnership	30 th July 2021
Health and Wellbeing Board	22 nd June 2021
GM Transport Committee	20 th August 2021
GMCA	25 th June 2021 10 th September 2021
Miocare	14 th July 2021
National Peak Park Authority	2 nd July 2021

11 Notice of Administration Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Motion 1

Councillor Shah to MOVE and Councillor Chadderton to SECOND:

Violence Against Women and Girls

This Council notes the shocking prevalence of violence against women and girls, most recently made visible by the appalling murders of Sarah Everard and Sabina Nessa. This is fuelled by a toxic culture of misogyny, with a recent report from the APPG for UN Women finding that 71% of women of all ages in the UK have experienced some form of sexual harassment in a public space.

Tackling the violence and misogyny in society is a long-term challenge that requires a collective response, from the online companies that enable the sharing of harmful and abusive content to employers not doing enough to address inequality in the workplace. This Council welcomes the recent publication of Greater Manchester's Gender-Based Violence Strategy, which sets out a ten-year plan that includes every part of our society. In Oldham we also take a partnership approach to addressing gender-based violence, aiming to prevent future abuse (including by educating young people about healthy relationships), addressing the behaviour of those who have perpetrated abuse and providing support to survivors. The Council is looking to strengthen this approach further, with a new Domestic Abuse Strategy following work with the charity SafeLives to review Oldham's current activity.

Where violence is committed against women and girls, it is important we have a robust response from our police to deliver justice. This Council notes the appalling statistic revealed by the Government's End-to-End Rape Review that only 1.6% of rape cases brought to the police result in a charge.

The fresh approach brought by the new Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police since his appointment is important if we are to rebuild faith that justice will be served. The disbanding of GMP's Serious Sexual Offences Unit in 2017 as part of a

transformation in favour of omni-competence raised questions about the priorities of the force at the time.

This Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to Chief Constable Stephen Watson:

- Welcoming the improvement plan he has produced for Greater Manchester Police, including a recognition of the importance of Think Victim training, and acknowledgement that there has been a lack of focus on support for those most vulnerable.
- Welcoming the move away from the notion of omni-competence, and requesting information about what this will mean for specialist support for the victims of sexual violence
- Requesting information about what training officers generally are given to support the victims of sexual violence given the reports of women being treated poorly by non-specialist officers of GMP in the past

This Council also resolves to work cross-party to promote the consultation on Oldham's Domestic Abuse Strategy, which is published this week.

Motion 2

Councillor Jabbar to MOVE and Councillor Hulme to SECOND:

COP26

This Council notes the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), taking place in Glasgow, which aims to:

- Secure global net zero emissions by the middle of the century, thereby sustaining the possibility of keeping global temperature rises within the 1.5 degrees target that will avoid climate catastrophe
- Support countries to protect communities and natural habitats affected by climate change
- Mobilise at least \$100bn in climate finance per year
- Finalise rules for countries, businesses and civil to collaborate based on the Paris agreement

This Council welcomes the Government's decision to finally publish its long awaited net zero strategy. We note with concern however that much of the strategy relies on negative emissions technology that doesn't currently exist or is largely untested. Dr Gavin Killip from the University of Oxford has called the strategy "a big disappointment", noting that on home heating and efficiency "the level of financial support is too small, and too many important elements have been ignored." Dr Meysam Qadrdan from Cardiff University has also stated that "the proposed funding fall short", and Prof Kevin Anderson from the University of Manchester said "the UK's Net Zero strategy falls far short of both its Paris and G7 temperature and equality commitments. ... The numbers reveal a story of subterfuge, delusion, offsetting and piecemeal policies." The Wildlife Trusts state that the strategy "falls short of tackling both the nature and climate emergencies. ... It lacks the policies and investment needed to repair our broken natural world both on land and at sea, at the pace and scale required."

While the publication of a strategy, however inadequate, is welcome, this Council notes the recent failures of the Government when it comes to implementation. The National Audit Office described the Government's Green Homes Grants programme as

“botched”, and noted that “as a result, its benefits for carbon reduction were significantly reduced”. The Federation of Master Builders described the Government’s interventions as “flash in the pan policies”. The New Economics Foundation have estimated that 19 million cold homes could be retrofitted for £11.7bn, a fraction of the money spent on the failed test and trace system. They have stated that “the scale of finance committed by the government in decarbonising our leaky housing stock is less than a quarter of what is actually needed by 2025.”

This Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to request that they:

- Enable local authorities to take the lead on developing the projects that will get us to net zero. Local authorities know their areas better than anyone, and with sufficient long-term resource can develop solutions that work for their community, addressing the climate emergency and driving sustainable economic growth and green jobs
- Put the climate emergency and green jobs at the heart of the “levelling up” agenda
- Demonstrate their commitment to Oldham, levelling up and the climate emergency by providing funding for our innovative town centre heat network proposals as originally included in our Towns Fund bid

12 Notice of Opposition Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Motion 1

Councillor Murphy to MOVE and Councillor H Gloster to SECOND:

Save Our Rivers

This Council notes that:

- Every river in England is now polluted beyond legal limits; with the Environment Agency rating only 14% as Good in 2019.
- Our local rivers, the Beal, Irk, Medlock, and Tame all failed the most recent test for chemical pollution carried out by the agency.
- This chemical pollution is mostly caused by sewage discharges from water companies and the run-offs of nutrients from farms.
- The Rivers Irk and Tame are particularly threatened by further sewage-water discharges.
- Government funding to the Environment Agency to monitor river quality and regulate farms and water companies has dropped 75% since 2010/11.
- Farms are now almost never inspected, water quality is rarely tested, and water companies can pump raw sewage into rivers with virtual impunity.
- In addition, tyre rubber particles, metals from brake pads, and hydrocarbons from vehicle emissions, wash off road surfaces and into rivers, endangering wildlife and potentially introducing carcinogenic material into the water supply.

Council believes that, as host nation of COP-26 (the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties) in Glasgow on 31 October – 12 November 2021, the UK Government should commit to:

- Restoring Environment Agency budgets
- Increasing inspections of water companies and farms, and rigorously prosecuting offenders.

- Funding local and highways authorities to introduce treatment systems to prevent road pollutants from entering our water courses.

Council resolves to request the Chief Executive write to:

- The Environment Minister calling for the Government to make these commitments as host nation of COP-26.
- The Chief Executive of United Utilities calling for further urgent action to address the impact of waste-water discharges on our local rivers, particularly the Irk and Tame.
- The Regional Director of the National Farmers' Union requesting clarification on the action being taken locally by farmers to prevent the run-off of nutrients into our rivers.
- The charity River Action expressing this Council's support for their campaign to restore the health of Britain's rivers.

With our three MPs to be copied into this correspondence and asked for their support.

Motion 2

Councillor Lancaster to MOVE and Councillor Woodvine to SECOND:

South Pennines National Park

This Council notes that:

- the UK Government's commitment to protect 30% of our land by 2030, an ambition now shared by all G7 Members following the recent Summit in Cornwall, is very welcome
- the South Pennines, covering much of Saddleworth, Crompton Moor and Moorside in our Borough, ought to be included in any additional protected land allocation and can significantly contribute to meeting this national 30% target
- South Pennines Park (formerly 'Pennine Prospects') and other groups campaigning for a Regional Park for the South Pennines have undertaken significant and applaudable work, but this proposal would not provide equal status and support as is enjoyed by the other ten existing National Parks in England
- the South Pennines was first considered for National Park designation in the original Hobhouse Committee of seventy years ago, and its suitability for such designation remains strong today

This Council resolves to:

- work with the Local Authorities, any other key stakeholders and those with relevant expertise within the South Pennines geographic remit to build a case for and promote the South Pennines National Park concept
- proactively engage with, and present a case for National Park designation to, the upcoming Natural England assessment into England's landscapes in the 21st Century, and progress any further opportunities which may arise to advance this designation

Motion 3

Councillor Al-Hamdani to MOVE and Councillor C Gloster to SECOND:

Future proofing our properties from flooding

Council notes that:

- Climate change will result in more incidents of flooding in the UK.
- The disaster relief charity ShelterBox estimated 5 million UK homes could be at risk of flooding by 2040.

- Properties in Shaw and Saddleworth have historically been flooded.
- It is becoming increasingly difficult to build defences capable of protecting all properties at risk of flooding.
- The campaign group 'Know Your Flood Risk' is calling upon central Government to make grants available to homeowners and small business owners in flood risk areas to make their properties 'flood resilient'.
- Flood resilience means designing, building and adapting properties such that if they are inundated, they can be made liveable again within days or weeks. This can involve actions such as rendering indoor walls, relaying flooring in water-proof materials or raising kitchen units.
- Victims of major floods are eligible for £5,000 support after the event, but Council believes that a more sensible approach would be to provide grant aid in advance to homeowners and small business owners to help make their properties flood resilient and that this would reduce the long-term cost to the public purse. Such a proposal has the support of the National Flood Forum and the Royal Institute of British Architects.
- 'Know Your Flood Risk' also publishes online guidance for local authorities and home and business owners and offers individual flood risk surveys for property owners.

Council resolves to:

- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs requesting the Minister look to introduce grant aid to homeowners and small business owners in areas of flood risk to facilitate flood resilience work.
- Ask the Chief Executive to copy in our three local MPs, the Greater Manchester Mayor and the Clerks of the Saddleworth and Shaw and Crompton Parish Councils asking for their support.
- Ask the relevant Cabinet Member and Chief Officer to ensure that information about the offer to residents and small business owners of the campaign group 'Know Your Flood Risk' is posted, with links, on the Council's website, and make a request to the Saddleworth and Shaw and Crompton Parish Councils to do the same.

Motion 4

Councillor Arnott to MOVE and Councillor Abid to SECOND:

Clean Air Zone

We note with disappointment that the Mayor of Greater Manchester (MoGM) and Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) have decided to press ahead with a Clean Air Charge for Greater Manchester (Gtr Manchester). The Gtr Manchester Clean Air Zone will end up being the largest in the UK, measuring 493 square miles. With costs and expenditure set to fall on taxpayers who will have to foot the bill for the infrastructure, maintenance as well as monitoring of cameras and extra layers of red tape, the bureaucracy for billing and collection.

The MoGM and GMCA had two options, and they were:

- Non-charging Clean Air Zones.
- Charging Clean Air Zones.

The decision to charge was made by the MoGM and GMCA. The zone and plans to charge are ill

thought out and badly timed with the pandemic having hit Oldham and Gtr Manchester's economy hard. With vans, buses, coaches, taxis, private hire vehicles

and lorries set to be hit and with many of them being self-employed or working as part of small businesses who already face immense financial difficulties. It is a tax on hard pressed workers and businesses.

The charge will mean that certain vehicles will pay £60 a day to drive within the zone, with vans paying £10 and taxi and private hire vehicles paying £7.50. Failure to pay will result in a £120 fine plus the daily charge.

We believe that this scheme and the required infrastructure will eventually lead to the charge being broadened out to charge motorists of all vehicles and is nothing more than a congestion charge by the back door.

This Council resolves that:

- Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council rejects the need to charge vehicles in the Gtr Manchester Clean Air Zone.
- That the people of Gtr Manchester including Oldham rejected congestion charging in 2008 via a referendum and that any attempt to charge vehicles in future must be put to a referendum once again.
- The Chief Executive and Leader of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council write to the MoGM and GMCA to inform them that Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council will unilaterally withdraw from the Gtr Manchester Clean Air Zone.
- That if required by law that Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council will look to implement a Non-charging Clean Air Zone should Oldham need to implement a Clean Air Zone.

13 Covid-19 Response Update (Pages 137 - 146)

14 Update on Actions from Council (Pages 147 - 162)

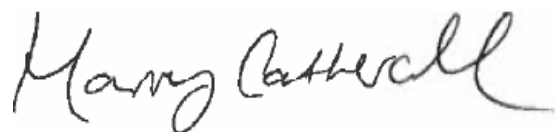
15 District Leads 2021-22

Report to follow.

16 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21 (Pages 163 - 184)

17 Organisational Framework (Pages 185 - 188)

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



**Harry Catherall
Chief Executive**

PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE OF MOTIONS
NO AMENDMENT

MOTION – Mover of the Motion to MOVE



MOTION – Secunder of the Motion to SECOND – May reserve right to speak



DEBATE ON THE MOTION: Include Timings



MOVER of Motion – Right of Reply



VOTE – For/Against/Abstain



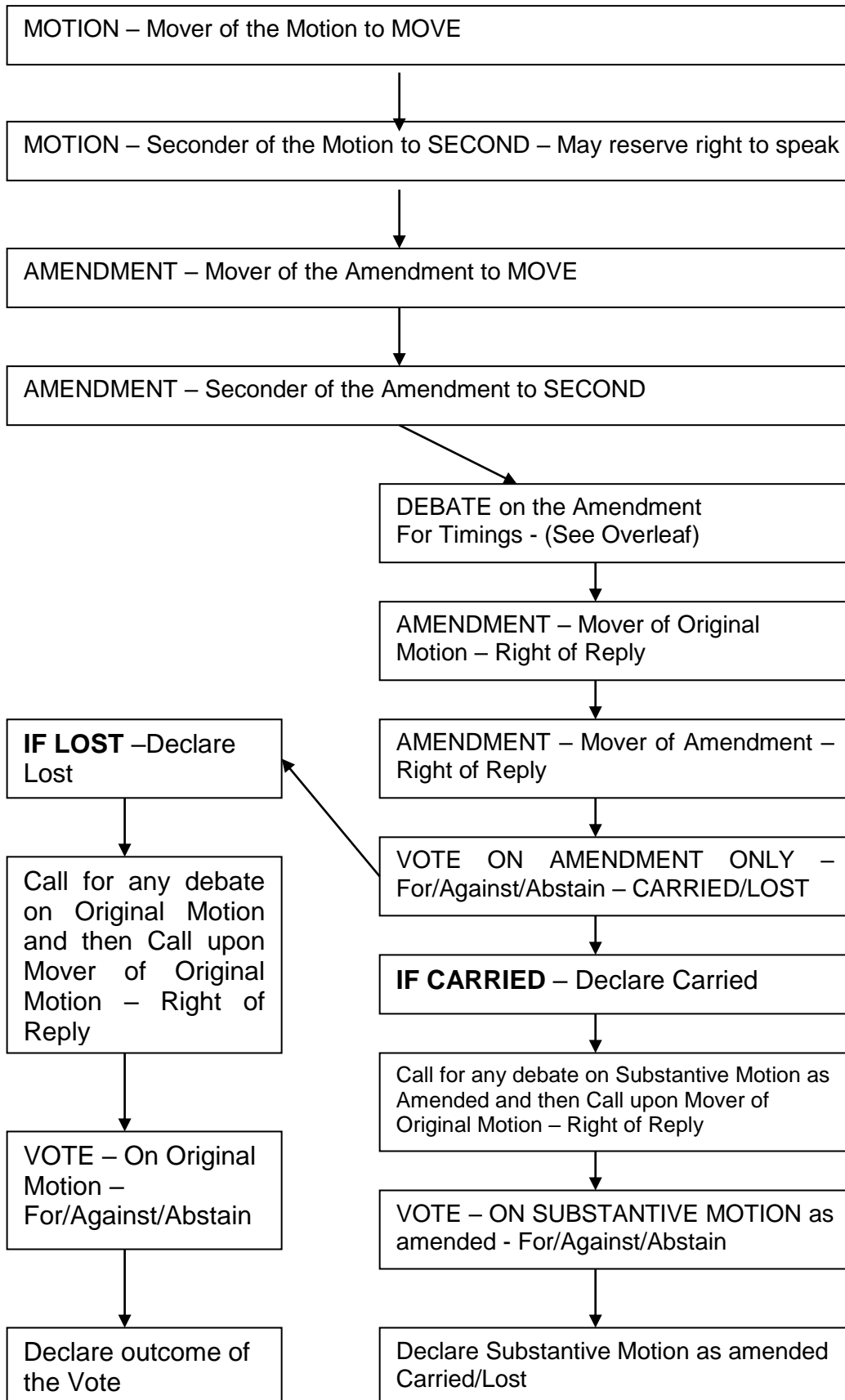
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RULE ON TIMINGS

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

WITH AMENDMENT



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COUNCIL
08/09/2021 at 6.00 pm

Present: The Mayor – Councillor Harrison

Councillors Abid, Akhtar, Al-Hamdani, G. Alexander, Ali, Alyas, Arnott, M Bashforth, S Bashforth, Birch, Brownridge, Byrne, Chadderton, Chauhan, Cosgrove, Curley, Davis, Dean, Garry, C. Gloster, H. Gloster, Goodwin, Hamblett, Harrison, Hobin, Hulme, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Islam, Jabbar, Kenyon, Lancaster, Malik, McLaren, Moores, Murphy, Mushtaq, C. Phythian, K Phythian, Roberts, Salamat, Shah, Sharp, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Stretton, Surjan, Sykes, Taylor, Toor, Wilkinson, Williamson, Williams and Woodvine

1 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahmad, Briggs, Hindle, Leach, A Hussain and F Hussain.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3 **HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services which asked the Council to consider the appointment of Matthew Walls as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Oldham in recognition of eminent service to the Council or Borough.

A Nomination for Honorary Freeman had been received and considered by the Council's Leader and Leaders of the two main opposition groups.

Full Council may, at special Council meeting by formal resolution, bestow the honours of Honorary Freeman and the resolution should be passed by no less than two-thirds of the Members at a special meeting of the Council. A formal presentation will take place at a special ceremony at a later date.

Councillor Shah MOVED, Councillor Sykes SECONDED and Councillor Sheldon spoke in support of the motion.

RESOLVED that Matthew Walls be admitted to an Honorary Freeman of Oldham as, in the opinion of the Council, he had rendered eminent service to the Borough of Oldham.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.08 pm

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1 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ahmad, Briggs, Hindle, A Hussain, F Hussain and Leach.

2 **TO ORDER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH JULY 2021, 28TH JULY 2021 AND 25TH AUGUST 2021 BE SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 14th July 28th July and 25th August 2021 be approved as correct records, subject to Item 3 of the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July being amended to show Councillor Birch declared a personal interest in Item 10, by virtue of being a Member of the Greater Manchester Pension Scheme, and not in Item 8D.

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

Councillor Garry declared a pecuniary interest at Item 9d by virtue of her husband's employment with Greater Manchester Police.

Councillor Chris Gloster declared a personal interest at Item 9d by virtue of his receipt of an occupational pension from Greater Manchester Police.

Councillor Hazel Gloster declared a personal interest at Item 9d by virtue of her husband's receipt of an occupational pension from Greater Manchester Police.

Councillor Garry declared a pecuniary interest in Item 10 Motion 2 *Safer Communities: Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour* and Item 11 Motion 4 *Government funding for our overlooked emergency services*.

Councillor Hamblett declared a personal interest at Item 9d in relation to MioCare, by virtue of being a Council nominee on the Board.

Councillor Chauhan declared a personal interest at Item 9d in relation to MioCare by virtue of being a Council nominee on the Board.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

5 **TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

There were no communications.

6 **COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services which asked the Council to consider an amendment to the Council Procedure Rules relating to opposition business motions at Council, as there were two main opposition groups with the same number of members.

RESOLVED that paragraph 2.13(j) of the Council Procedure Rules be amended to state:-

“Where two main opposition groups have the same number of members, a motion submitted by one of those groups will be considered first, then a motion submitted by the other main opposition group (alternating in order at subsequent meetings) and then, if there is sufficient time within this section of business, a motion submitted by any other group. If a motion is not submitted by any other group and if time permits, a motion will be first considered from the main opposition group who had the right under this paragraph for their motion to be considered first at the meeting and then a motion from the other main opposition group”.

7 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

There were no items submitted by the Youth Council.

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

There were no petitions received to be noted.

9 **QUESTIONS TIME**

a Public Questions

The Mayor advised the meeting that the next item on the agenda 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 the questioner was not present, then the question would be read out by the Mayor.

The following questions were submitted:

1. Question received from Nye Goodwin:
Could the relevant cabinet member please update the residents of Oldham on the future of the Tommyfield Market Hall and of any plans of moving the indoor market into Spindles or Town Square?

Councillor Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Employment and Enterprise, responded that the Council was committed to ensuring the future of Tommyfield Market and was working hard to progress and accelerate the plans for a new market in the Shopping Centre.

As many were aware, initial designs for the new market



were shared just over a month ago.

These showed the new market being located in the Town Square side of the Shopping Centre - occupying the former TJ Hughes unit and additional space around it which would be completely redeveloped.

On the upper level, accessed directly from the mall, there would be a general market with dedicated fresh produce areas.

On the lower level, that fronted onto Parliament Square, there would be an area dedicated to supporting existing food retailers and traders with a food court area.

The Council continued to work closely with market traders listening to their ideas about stall security, importance of enhanced footfall, access to the bus station and tram stops and continued to gather feedback from them on the initial designs. The Council was delighted that they liked them and could really see the project coming to life now.

There would be wider consultation with members of the public soon as part of the commitment to meaningful engagement with our communities – this feedback would help share updates on the initial designs for both the new market as well as an events venue, workspace, and archives hub, which were also being developed in the Shopping Centre.

This feedback was important as work moved to the next phase in developing more detailed designs, ahead of a planning application being submitted later in the year.

The new market had received a boost over the summer when it was awarded £6.1million from the Town Deal Fund.

2. Question received from Robert Barnes

Will the Council Leader stand up for the workers of the Elbit factory who have the right to work in a safe and secure environment without fear of violence and intimidation.

Given that Oldham produced the likes of Sir Winston Churchill as its MP, does the Council Leader want to keep the Elbit factory open or closed?

Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Reform replied that everyone had the right to work in a safe and secure environment. Violence and intimidation was not acceptable inside or outside of the workplace.

Peaceful protest would be facilitated but it should not involve violence or intimidation. The Council regularly worked with the police and our partners to stop that happening and it was aware that Elbit were in regular dialogue with Greater Manchester Police.

The Council worked with and supported all businesses who wanted to provide decent, well paid jobs in Oldham.

3. Question received from Maggie Scarisbrick

Does the council have any plans for a memorial or commemoration for Oldham residents that have died of



Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, responded that the Council would be doing something to commemorate all those that sadly lost their lives to Covid. Options were being looked at and an announcement would be made in due course.

4. Question received from Michael Warrington
Could the relevant cabinet member provide information on how many residents have been recruited in Oldham under the Kickstart initiative?

Councillor Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Employment and Enterprise, replied that the Council noted that the Kickstart Scheme, launched by the Chancellor, was an appropriate response to supporting young people who had been the most affected by the pandemic.

This funding should have been able to support 280,000 young people into work nationally. Unfortunately DWP had not been willing to share localised performance data and so the Council had to resort to parliamentary questions to understand how effective it had been locally.

As of the 3rd June 2021, there had been nearly 138,000 opportunities advertised but only 31,200 filled nationwide. The North West region was leading the way after London, with around 13% of the Kickstart opportunities, or 17,610, being advertised, of which just 4,130 have been filled. Oldham had 3.2% of the North West Working age population, so it was estimated that, as of the 3rd June, there were around 560 opportunities that had been created, with 130 filled. Yet there was funding allocated for around 1,500 opportunities in Oldham.

Councillor Akhtar intended to write to the Minister for Employment, to request local authority data, an extension of the programme until March 2023 and devolution of the programme to local Councils to ensure that places like Oldham really could Level Up.

5. Question received from Peter Roberts
What plans does the council have to honour Oldham's Olympic gold medal winning cyclist Matt Walls following his success at the recent Olympic Games?

Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Reform replied that she was delighted to confirm that, prior to the start of this meeting, the Council at a special meeting had agreed to honour Matt by bestowing him with the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough.

His achievements at the Olympics were fantastic and she knew people across the borough thought of him as one of their own and took inspiration from what he had done.

6. Question received from Anita Lowe



I enjoy visiting outdoor markets of all types including artisan food markets and farmers markets including the famous Bury Market which appears to continue to thrive tremendously. Also Altrincham market which also continues to be busy ...

I have recently visited Oldham indoor Market ... or sadly what is left of it. It comes across as quite poor when taken into consideration it once attracted many visitors over the years.

How can the traders be encouraged to transit into the Spindles?

I have spoken to numerous long standing traders and they fear for their business and the lack of footfall currently happening in the Town especially the indoor market. What plans if any are currently in place to help rectify this lack of footfall?

As a lifelong Oldhamer it really is sad to see.


Councillor Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Employment and Enterprise, responded that Tommyfield Market continued to be a retail and community hub in the town centre. There were 94 traders, selling everything you would expect to see on a traditional market. Over the last year, it had gained 7 new traders, including some fantastic food stalls offering Indian, Thai and Portuguese cuisine. Recently, the Oldham, Rochdale and Bury branch of CAMRA also named the micro-pub as its "Pub of the Year".

Most High Streets and markets had seen a reduction in visitors as a result of the pandemic. Traders had responded to the economic challenged by adapting and several now had online shops for sales and deliveries. The Council continued to promote Tommyfield Market and, with Covid restrictions lifting, planning was underway for Halloween and Christmas events to attract visitors back to the high streets and market hall.

The new Market in the Shopping Centre would benefit from higher footfall. It would be in the heart of the Town Centre and have better visibility, being next to the Old Town Hall as well as the main car parks. The new events venue and workspace that were being developed in the Shopping Centre would also drive footfall. The Council was working closely with traders to understand their requirements for the new Market.

Councillors understood and appreciated how difficult it was for traders at the moment. They therefore urged everyone to support the Market. When you bought from a local business, you were putting money directly into the hands of local families - so please do continue to shop local.

7. Question received from Neil Wilby
Why is it the case that certain departments within the Council have serious difficulties in responding to emails or other communications, such as freedom of information requests. Even when there is a lawful requirement to do so? Even as a journalist, with not inconsiderable leverage, the



effort expended in persuading paid officers to respond appropriately, if at all, is disproportionate and unnecessarily stressful.

Can, therefore, the Leader of the Council and the interim chief executive, whose presence I very much welcome, assure Madam Mayor and Full Council that all necessary steps will be taken, under the new regime, to ensure that those residents of Oldham, absent of such leverage, are not being disadvantaged by either unanswered emails or unsatisfactory responses.

Councillor Stretton, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services responded with thanks to Mr Wilby for his question.

The Council was absolutely committed to responding to questions from members of the public, journalists, and any other interested party in a clear, timely, and transparent way. She was sorry if Mr Wilby felt the Council had fallen short. She could assure him that the Council took its commitment to providing fair and accurate information very seriously. It would always seek to improve where it could and provide the best possible services to the communities across Oldham.

8. Question received from Allan Townson

Dear members how can it be right for a factory which is 20 feet away from first choice homes property which is Heywood house Eldon street estate starts at 6am which is not allowed by law and can make noise which is more than 75 decibels which is also not allowed by law be allowed to continue as well as the worker's on breaks are smoking weed and allowed to drive stacker trucks and then drive home I've complained about this to the environment health in 17 and 18 but they do not care as I've had no reply since can you please discuss this and reply at your earliest.

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, replied that she was aware that, in 2017 and 2018, you complained about the noise from the factory and this was investigated and the factory owners spoken to at the time.

In order for the Environmental Health team to investigate the noise issues again they needed to ensure that they gathered the evidence of the noise being caused and assessed whether, in line with legislation, the noise was causing a statutory nuisance. There were a number of factors the assessment took into consideration including the location, time of day, frequency and loudness.

She had passed the details onto the team and asked for the investigation to commence again.

Concerning the allegations of drugs being used on the site, this was a matter for the Police and she urged the questioner to contact them.

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.

b Questions to Leader and Cabinet

Oldham
Council

Councillor Sheldon, Leader of the Conservative Group:

A question to Councillor Shah

“After speaking to Group members recently, I am not alone with some concerns. Requests to various departments are met in, sometimes, a less than positive way. Often the replies are excuses, often late and sometimes no reply is given. I must aver that other Council staff are very helpful.

Three examples:-

I reported a blocked grid near a lady’s house and she is fearful to go out when it rains because of flood water entering her property. The message I got back was the grids are cleaned once a year. That simply is not good enough.

I disagreed with Highways on another scheme and the reply I got from Highways was that they did not like the tone of my email. Another one is a drainage ditch in Uppermill. I have reported that for two years and we have had a team out, we are having an evaluation survey, and the resident rings me every month to ask what is going on with this.

Please could I ask you to intervene by informing all Council staff that we councillors are elected by our residents to serve their needs. We do not insist, or disagree, or challenge staff decisions unless we believe it is for the best way forward for the Borough, to gain positive results. Thank you”

Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Reform responded with thanks for the question. Whilst she did not know and could not point to the specific examples raised, it was absolutely not acceptable. She felt she had been very clear that this was a resident-focussed Council. She had shared her priorities with the new Chief Executive, who shared her desire to ensure that everything the Council did had residents at the heart of it. She could only apologise at this point and say she would take the matter forward and she was sure the Chief Executive would too.

A further question to Councillor Shah

“Veterans and other members of the armed forces community are much-valued citizens of our Borough and I am sure all Councillors would agree that Oldham Council ought to protect and advance their interests. Does the Council have any plans to select a successor to Cath Ball, as the elected Member Champion for armed forces issues? Also, does the Council have plans in place to improve its Defence Employer Scheme certification and fully fulfil the Forces Friendly employment practices?”

Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Reform, replied yes to all of those and Members would be notified of the new Champion in due course.

Question 1 - What is the future for the Tower block and civic centre building

“My first question tonight relates to the future of the Council’s estate and climate change.

Many employees across the private and public sectors have been working from home since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, including much of the Council’s workforce and those of our partners in Unity, Miocare, and Oldham Community Leisure.

Homeworking means employees no longer must commute, and they can achieve a better work – life balance.

Given then we are likely to have less employees in our workplaces at all and see less of those that do, we shall have less need for office space.

Less buildings will need to be heated, lit, cleaned, and maintained and there will much lower bills for utilities. Many will be surplus to our requirements.

This will also mean lower carbon emissions, so we will also benefit by moving closer to our aspiration to become a carbon neutral Council.

It is likely that in the future we shall have our core staff, working mostly in public-facing roles, in the new repurposed offices in the Spindles Shopping Centre, and perhaps some here on the Rochdale Road site supporting ceremonial and Council functions, but the rest of the Civic Centre will become redundant.


Can the Council Leader please tell me tonight what is being planned to identify and dispose of the unwanted office space, especially the Civic Centre tower block, or may be the whole Tower block and Rochdale Road site?

And what is planned or the vision for this large and strategically important town centre site when it becomes vacant?”

Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Reform, replied that consultation was ongoing and the Chief Executive was undertaking a staff survey. The results of that would be shared and an open staff conference with the Leader and the Chief Executive was planned to ensure the balance between work and life, whilst also meeting the needs of the local economy. Carbon efficiency would be factored in. The results of the consultation would be shared with the Leaders of the Opposition and more widely.

Question 2 - Discharging untested and infected patients into care homes

“I had hoped to ask my second question tonight under the agenda



item 'COVID-19 response questions', but I see that yet again for the second time this item has been omitted from tonight's agenda.

I have received a reassurance from the Leader that this omission was a result of administrative error rather than a change in the policy of this Administration, so I look forward to seeing this item back on the agenda for November 2021 Council, as it should be on every agenda until we have seen the back of this terrible pandemic.

So here then is my question.

A response to a recent Freedom of Information request revealed that the Pennine Acute Hospital Trust – part of the Northern Care Alliance – discharged 152 patients to care settings between March 19 and April 15 last year. 96 of these patients were untested and of the 56 tested, 18 tested positive for COVID-19.

It seems to me a gross dereliction of the 'duty of care' that patients were discharged from hospital to care homes when they were untested or tested positive with a deadly disease.

Sadly, a significant number of care home residents died during the COVID-19 pandemic, and undoubtedly some instances of transmission occurred because of transfers into care homes from hospitals.

Can the Leader please provide me with assurance that revised procedures are now in place to ensure that in future all patients will be tested for COVID-19 before being discharged from hospital to care settings, so that never again will a situation arise where patients testing positive or not tested at all are discharged from hospital to unwittingly, and sometimes fatally, infect their fellow residents and staff in care homes?"

Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Reform, responded that the Covid-19 Response Item had been omitted by oversight and would be on future agendas.

Councillor Chauhan, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, responded that it was impossible not to agree with Councillor Sykes' views. It was a national policy and was a wrong policy. He had openly challenged that policy and said it was unacceptable, putting not only those vulnerable people's lives at risk, but also the staff, who had moved into care homes to care for the residents. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) had not been provided by the government and the Council had been one of the first in the country to set up a PPE collection point. He had personally visited care homes to ensure there was adequate cover. He could assure the meeting that the national policy had been changed and appropriate arrangements were now made to separate residents who were Covid-positive from those who were Covid-negative.

Councillor Hobin, Leader of the Failsworth Independent Party:

“I know the Leader of the Council is keen to make this administration inclusive and is happy to work with all Councillors to the benefit of the Borough. Does she think it is appropriate that present and past District Leads in Failsworth have refused and still refuse to hold District meetings with Councillors? Where else are elected Members supposed to raise issues or discuss improving the area we represent? Can she assure me that this will not be the case going forward and, as we are talking about inclusivity, could we also cascade something down to constituents and will she consider re-introducing public District Executive meetings which her predecessor scrapped?”

Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Reform, replied that District meetings were a really important part of local democracy and the Council reformed how they functioned before the pandemic to ensure that they were being used to discuss important local issues rather than being an unnecessarily bureaucratic exercise. She was happy to look into the matter raised and would encourage Councillors of all parties to work with their District Teams to engage with residents. District meetings had not been scrapped and had been held prior to the pandemic. She would look into the circumstances in Councillor Hobin’s district.

1. Councillor Goodwin asked the following question:
Could the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care outline what we know, and don’t know, about the impact on the health of children of Covid. What proportion of them, by age group - say pre-secondary and secondary school age - are affected by illness as a result of infection, how severely? How likely are they to suffer from long Covid?

Councillor Chauhan, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care responded that the Covid update on children and young people was as follows:

- Infection rates of children in Oldham mirror the national picture
- Many children have/have had covid-19 without any symptoms
- Long covid can have a life long impact on childrens’ life chances, partly due to missed education.
- Evidence suggests pre-school children rarely have long covid symptoms but those in the 6-18 age groups are significantly more affected, particularly teenagers
- Long covid in children can present differently than in adults.
- Approximately 200 symptoms associated with children and young people long covid and include rash, stomach ache, swollen fingers & toes, brain fog, chronic fatigue, headaches, dizziness, chest pain
- Childrens’ mental health and wellbeing is affected as a result of the covid pandemic and the number of mental health referrals is increasing nationally and locally
- There has been an increase in children and young

people attending acute services with Eating Disorders, Self-Harm, Suicidal Ideation, Anxiety & Hopelessness and depression, with a subsequent increase in admission to acute paediatric inpatients services (Paediatric bed base across GM has reduced due to infection control measures)

- GM Long covid service spec in place. Paediatric Assessment Clinics now set up with a multi-disciplinary team approach. Children can be referred into the MDT clinic at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital if DGH unable to meet need. MDT provides broad range of specialists and can tailor care to meet need.
- Some CYP suffer post covid complications such as Paediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome (PIMS-TS) and many have required critical care across GM. Over 120 children and young people to date with PIMS-TS in GM.
- Increased number of CYP presenting with Type 1 Diabetes, however this requires further study
- 1 child in Oldham has died as a result of hospital admission due to covid
- Lifelong health/economic impact of long covid in children not known and studies were ongoing.

At this point, the Mayor requested that the full response be sent to all Councillors as it was a complicated matter and could not be fully responded to in the two minutes allowed

2. Councillor Hulme asked the following question:
I am pleased to have been told that the new residents' parking in Diggle is nearly ready – it would be very helpful to look again at the diversion in place and see whether it can be safely removed or changed once the parking is useable. Can the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods ask for a review to take place and let me and the other ward Councillors know the outcome?

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, responded that the works near Huddersfield Road, in terms of access for the new school, which would open next year and constructing the car parks were progressing well.

The next phase of the works would require construction on the Huddersfield Road itself where, at that point, the one way diversion was even more critical as this would provide the necessary working room for the construction activities to be completed safely keeping the operatives and the general public safe.

The one way system was an essential public safety requirement which needed to stay in place until the works were complete, which would be by the end of December this year.

It was appreciated this was a point of consternation in the local community and a source of annoyance to resident in Diggle, but it was vital this work was carried out in terms of the construction and opening of the new school next year.

3. Councillor Toor asked the following question:
We regularly hear complaints from residents regarding the way the Council deal with issues including planning, standards of conduct, highways etc. Could we please be advised how many cases over the last 2 years have been referred to the ombudsman and how many of these complaints were upheld?

Councillor Stretton, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services replied that for the year 2019/2020, the Council received a total of 1,102 complaints. 71 of these complaints were reviewed by the Ombudsman. Of those 71 cases, only 13 (18.3%) were investigated and 7 (9.9%) upheld. Of the 7 upheld cases, the Ombudsman recognised that the Council had already determined fault and offered a suitable remedy in 2 (29% of cases) prior to their investigation.

When calculating the upheld rate, the Ombudsman used the number of cases taken forward for investigation and the number of these cases that were upheld. The Ombudsman calculated the Council's upheld rate for 2019/2020 as 54% and this positively compared to an average upheld rate of 67% in similar authorities nationally.

For the year 2020/21, the Council received a total of 911 complaints, 55 of these complaints were reviewed by the Ombudsman. Of those 55 cases, 15 were investigated and 10 were upheld. The percentage of cases upheld in 2020/21 was 67% compared with the average upheld rate of 72% in similar authorities nationally.

4. Councillor Murphy asked the following question:
Ward members were made a promise that they would be consulted on the location of new bins prior to a final decision being made. We have now recently found out that this promise amounted to a load of rubbish as we have been informed by officers that we shall be invited to a 'drop-in session to go through proposed locations in each ward'. Once again it appears that promises made have not amounted to promises rendered.

Please can I ask the Cabinet Member to give a commitment that the 'drop-in session' which we are each to be invited to will not in fact amount to a roll out of a fait accompli? Can I ask that instead it be an opportunity for members to not only challenge the locations proposed by officers, but to also suggest our own, and that this should include looking to replace those bins that have been removed over the last two years since the start of the bin review?

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods responded that she knew as a Councillor how important bins were to members of the public and all 60 Councillors. A lot of residents believed they paid a lot of their Council Tax to have bins emptied on time and it would be unwise to meddle with the Council's bins. With regards to the consultation, an initial mapping process had been undertaken by officers within the

street cleansing services. This was based on the existing locations of current street litter bins, and included officers recommendations on any changes, with their aim to provide a more widespread placement within each ward. These were recommendations only and subject to member consultation. Members through consultation were free to challenge any proposed locations and could recommend alternate placements, suggest new locations, including any bins previously removed. All these points however needed to meet certain criteria on placement, which would be shared with members in advance of consultation. Members could then recommend locations within the criteria, taking into account factors of demand, footfall, bin size and pavement space, accessibility for servicing and the safety of the public & staff servicing them. She would be arranging dates with the District Co-ordinators over next few weeks and sending out the list of criteria for members on placement. If Councillor Murphy wished to challenge the placement of bins in Shaw and Crompton, he would have his opportunity to have them placed where he considered necessary.

5. Councillor Lancaster asked the following question:
At this time when our local economy is wanting to get back on its feet, small businesses in Diggle are facing an additional level of disruption with the diversionary routes in place adversely affecting footfall. Having made the case to the Council for financial support for these struggling small businesses, I have now been told that compensation will not be rewarded as it is not a 'statutory function' to do so. Will the Council reconsider their position of only abiding by the lowest standard, and make assurances that they will provide adequate financial support for Diggle's small businesses?

Councillor Akhtar Cabinet Member for Employment and Enterprise responded that the Council was business friendly and had worked hard to support as many as possible over the last 15 months through the pandemic supporting access to over £100m of grants. As the Borough came out of lockdown the Council was keen to help businesses get back on their feet. However, the Council had needed to make budget reductions in this financial year of £8.920m and, based on current estimates had a very challenging budget reduction target for both 2022/23 and 2023/24. The Saddleworth School was an investment in the future of the area and would support families and citizens in the area, which would have a benefit for the businesses in the long term. The new school building scheme was managed by the Department for Education and they did not, in any circumstance, award funds for disruption during new school developments. The Council had no such scheme and no recourse to public funds due to disruption created or loss of income. The Council had looked at providing business rate relief but majority of small businesses that would have relied on footfall would have received business rate relief either through the Small Business rate relief or Expanded Retail discount schemes. The Highways

department were implementing the best solution they could find to support the development of Saddleworth School whilst minimising the impact on the local community. This was truly difficult, especially as the economy began to bounce back from the various lock down measures.



6. Councillor C Phythian asked the following question: Manchester Council supplies free biodegradable bags to encourage the recycling of food waste in the Borough. Could OMBC do the same to encourage residents to recycle their food waste?


Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods responded that the Council currently subsidised the majority of bags supplied within the Borough, sold from local community stockists and libraries etc. The Council constantly reviewed its position and it would remain under review.

7. Councillor Shuttleworth asked he following question: As members continue to hear complaints about the absence of police from our streets, perceived or otherwise, as well as comments being made on social media, may I ask the appropriate Cabinet member to confirm the number of police officers of all ranks engaged in Oldham prior to the general election on 6 May 2010 as against 6 May 2021?

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods replied that Greater Manchester Police had provided the requested information with confirmation that staffing figures are produced monthly. In the last week of April 2010 there were 442 warranted Police Officers allocated to Oldham. In the last week of April 2021, 407 warranted Police Officers were allocated to Oldham. The figures included Officers of all ranks from Constable through to Chief Superintendent. In April 2010 there was a recruitment freeze at GMP and in April 2021, there was a recruitment drive, which was ongoing. The figures had increased significantly in the last six months. The figures for April 2021 included officers still in training who had not yet arrived in Oldham. The figures were head count numbers and included full and part time working.

8. Councillor S Bashforth asked the following question: The Government are proposing reform waste collection which in its current form could mean local authorities having to supply up to seven separate bins to households. Can the relevant cabinet member comment on what the consequences of this would be for the council and for residents who would have to find space for 7 separate bins?

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods responded that, as a resident she hoped she would not have to find space for seven separate bins. The government was currently consulting with stakeholders before making final rulings on how waste would be collected in future. Oldham had provided a co-ordinated response through the GMCA



which was representing all GM local authorities. The preferred position put forward by GM was to keep the four bin system currently in place which had been proven to maximise collection efficiency and tonnage performance across the conurbation. The Council therefore awaited the publishing of the results of the consultation before considering and announcing any next steps.

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.

c Questions on Cabinet Minutes

The Council was requested to note the minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on the undermentioned dates and to receive any questions on any items within the minutes from members of the Council who were not members of the Cabinet, and receive responses from Cabinet members. The minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 21st June 2021 and 26th July 2021 were submitted.

Members raised the following questions:-

Councillor Kenyon asked the following question in relation to Cabinet 21st June 2021 – Item 7 - Council Performance Report March 2021

“I understand from the approved budget reductions and deliverability report for 21/22, that the Councils £9M spending cuts for this year are forecast to miss their target by £1.3 million. Can the Cabinet Member tell us which services are to be cut to make up the difference, and how this will affect their future performance?”

Councillor Jabbar, Cabinet Member for Finance and Low Carbon replied that at this point in the financial year, the projection was that that £1.3m of the savings were off track and would not be delivered. However, there was just over 6 months remaining in the financial year. Therefore, work was taking place with the Community Health and Adult Social Care Directorate with regard to a recovery plan so that the shortfall was reduced by the year end. The intention was that any shortfall in the savings will be made good by the Directorate and work was taking place to identify offsetting reductions in expenditure or increases in income. Until the recovery plan had been agreed, it was not possible to determine any specific impacts.

Councillor Hamblett asked the following question in relation to Item 8 – Special Education Needs (Sen) Travel Assistance Service - Contract Extension

“With regards to the contract extension, what consideration did the Cabinet Member give to whether tendering companies were based locally and / or employed people locally, and did that consideration result in contracts being awarded to local businesses?”

Councillor Mushtaq, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills responded that, with regards to the contract extension:



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- A dynamic purchasing system was used for procuring routes which was accessed via the Chest. Both a quality assurance score and price check were used to ensure that operators offered value for money for the local authority. Contractors were awarded routes via this process. Routes could change daily due to availability of personal assistants, change of school, change of home address and change of composition of group pick-ups.
- In accordance with the Council's Procurement regulations and European Legislation, Oldham Council put out to tender routes for home to school transport for children and young people.
- Bidders were requested to review and complete the following documents:
 - Standard Questionnaire
 - Mini Competition
- The standard questionnaire looked to assess the quality aspect of bidders and their eligibility to perform the services.
- All tender submissions had been done via the Chest and evaluated by both Procurement and Transport.
- Routes were awarded to the lowest bidder, this provided the most cost effective model for the Council. Any company could bid for a route, however they must register to qualify as a Contractor

The criteria supported local contractors, who were encouraged to come forward and a number had been successful.

RESOLVED that:

1. The minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 21st June 2021 and 26th July 2021 be noted.
2. The questions and responses provided be noted.

d Questions on Joint Arrangements

Council was asked to note the minutes of the following Joint Authority and Partnership meetings and the relevant spokespersons to respond to questions from Members.

The minutes of the Joint Authorities and Partnerships were submitted as follows:

Greater Manchester Combined Authority	27th November 2020 18th December 2020 29th January 2021
Greater Manchester Transport Committee	11th December 2020
Commissioning Partnership Board	22nd October 2020 28th January 2021
GM Police, Fire and Crime Panel	16th November 2020
Health and Wellbeing Board	10th November 2020
AGMA	11th December 2020
Greater Manchester Waste and	14th October 2020

Recycling Committee	
Miocare	22nd October 2020
National Park Authority	13th November 2020



Members raised the following questions:

1. Councillor Murphy asked in relation to Page 4 GMCA56/21 Equality Panels
 “I note from the minutes that a budget of £50,000 has been allocated to each of the seven equality panels established by the GMCA in the current financial year. £350,000 in total. Whilst I recognise the need for, and support, the GMCA’s objective of identifying and addressing inequalities within the city region, this seems an awful lot of money just to facilitate seven panels.
 Can the Leader please explain what this money is going to be spent on?”

Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Reform responded that the Equality Panels helped tackle the structural and organisational prejudice and discrimination that caused inequality and injustice in society, through the advancement of equity and fairness in decisions, policies and services across all sectors and communities.

She could not do justice here to the huge amount of work the Panels did, but it varied from a nationally leading survey of disabled people, to shaping strategies to prevent violence against women and girls in GM.

The funding was used to enable the work, to provide officers from the GMCA and voluntary organisations to support the Panels, and to work with panellists to develop their skills. She would strongly encourage Councillor Murphy to read the paper that was coming to the GMCA on Friday 10th September, which set out in detail all the amazing work the panels did.

2. Councillor H Gloster asked in relation to Page 7 GMCA20/61 Covid-19 Contingency Support Measures for GM Work and Skills Programme
 “Oldham regrettably now has unemployment levels that are the highest in Greater Manchester and twice the national average. Unemployment here has been persistently high for many years, particularly in our inner area wards and amongst our young people. Our skills base is low so our economic recovery from COVID-19 is likely to be slow and uncertain.
 Can the Leader please explain what financial and other specialist help this Borough will be receiving from GMCA through these measures as Oldham is surely the Greater Manchester borough most in need of support?”

Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Reform responded that the Covid-19 Contingency Support Measures for GM Work and Skills

Programme was a timebound relaxation of contracts (April 2020 until March 2021), aimed at protecting existing programmes rather than increasing the level of delivery in the future.

As part of this, the GMCA removed payment by results clauses and replaced the contracts with a cost recovery model.

This allowed providers to focus on welfare support for vulnerable people, rather than purely focussing on jobs or skills outcomes.

The GMCA also allowed for services to invest in developing digital platforms and provide digital devices and data packages for service users.

3. Councillor Al-Hamdani asked in relation to page 119 Greater Manchester Transport Committee 18 June 2021, GMTC 30/21 Mayoral Priorities
“The minutes note that the Mayor is looking to achieve a tap-in tap-out fare structure with a daily cap. I would like to ask how much did GMCA invest in the My Get Me Here system, and does the Cabinet Member regard that as a successful investment given that it is now being targeted for immediate replacement?”

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, indicated she would provide Councillor Al-Hamdani with a written response.

4. Councillor Al-Hamdani asked in relation to page 121 GMTC 30/21 Mayoral Priorities
“The minutes note that the Greater Manchester Mayor noting the importance of community rail assets, and the Mayor prioritising that they are made accessible to all. Given that one side of the only railway station in the Borough, at Greenfield, still remains completely inaccessible to anyone in a wheelchair, and extremely problematic for anyone with a pushchair, what more will the Mayor be doing to make this priority a reality that is different to what he has been doing for the past four years?”

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods replied that Network Rail was currently responsible for rail stations in Greater Manchester, with the exception of Horwich Parkway which was owned and run by TfGM on behalf of GMCA. However, Greater Manchester had ambitions for local control of all GM rail stations to ensure that they were developed in a way which supported the vision for a modern, accessible, fully integrated transport network, and that there was greater focus on rail stations as a community asset. It was not acceptable that Oldham’s only station at Greenfield was not fully accessible to all residents. Following representations to Network Rail from the Mayor and TfGM a dedicated GM Stations Accessibility Task Force had been established bringing together the Mayor, TfGM, Network Rail, and train operators. The Task Force was now

working to identify sources of funding, prioritise stations for upgrade, and identify how to efficiently deliver improvements. In the short-term the Task Force would identify 'shovel ready' schemes, ready to go as and when funding was identified. The Council was working to ensure that Greenfield was one of those schemes ready to go.

5. Councillor M Bashforth asked in relation to page 122 Greater Manchester Transport Committee 18 June 2021 GMTC 30/21 Mayoral Priorities
"Under Resolved the minutes state that it be noted that there was a clear consensus about the importance of delivering an integrated transport network, which was good news and it was good to hear that the Committee was supporting the delivery of an integrated network which was extremely important. Can I ask why we are still seeing some routes being withdrawn, such as the 58 service through Shaw, Heyside, and into Royton. We received a number of complaints from residents which showed this was a well-used service. Could I ask that this be brought up at the next meeting of the Transport Committee, to be discussed and looked at again?"

Councillor Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods responded that she would speak with Councillor Briggs, who represented the Council on the Committee, to ensure that this was brought up for discussion as soon as possible.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

Motion 1

Councillor Jabbar MOVED and Councillor Roberts SECONDED the following MOTION:

Motion 1 - #keepthelifeline

This Council notes the devastating effect the Coronavirus pandemic has had on many of Oldham's communities, laying bare the inequalities opened up by austerity policies imposed by successive Coalition and Conservative Governments.

This Council further notes that despite the introduction of the National Living Wage and record employment, poverty amongst workers and children was rising before the pandemic. The cuts and freezes in social security played a significant part in this. This Council is concerned that policies put in place to protect the most vulnerable during the pandemic are being wound down and in particular that furlough is due to end on the 30 September 2021 – the National Institute for Economic and Social research estimates 150,000 additional people will lose their jobs across the UK.

In addition, the Conservative Government has so far refused to continue the £20 a week uplift to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit – unfairly never paid to those receiving legacy benefits. The removal of the uplift will amount to a loss of benefit

income of £1,040 per year from early October and will have the most severe impact in the North of England, Wales, the West Midlands and Northern Ireland. The Government has also reinstated the minimum income floor for self-employed earners claiming Universal Credit.

The ability of those on low incomes to pay their housing costs will be impacted by these changes at a time when the evictions ban has ended and when Local Housing Allowance rates have been frozen from April this year. These changes will result in a real terms income cut for renters receiving Housing Benefit or Universal Credit despite the cost of rents rising across the country.

This Council resolves to

1. Support the #keepthelifeline campaign to stop the planned cut to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit
2. Urge the Conservative Government to
 - a. Keep the £20 a week uplift to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit
 - b. Stop discriminating against families receiving 'legacy benefits', such as Employment Support Allowance, Jobseeker's Allowance and Income Support, by not giving them this uplift.
 - c. Remove the minimum income floor for self-employed earners claiming Universal Credit
 - d. Remove the April 2021 freeze on Local Housing Allowance rates
 - e. Bring forward as soon as possible legislation to end s21 no fault evictions
3. Ask the interim Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and Secretary of State for MHCLG respectively outlining our concerns and asking for swift action to
 - prevent the 45,000 families who are Oldham residents in receipt of Universal Credit and Working Tax Credits (69% of whom are families with children) from falling deeper into poverty because of the changes to these benefits
 - prevent the homes of the most vulnerable families in private rented accommodation in Oldham from being at risk because of the freeze in Local Housing Allowance rates and the end of the evictions ban.

AMENDMENT

Councillor C. Gloster MOVED and Councillor H Gloster SECONDED the following AMENDMENT:

Insert beneath the fourth paragraph ending 'Northern Ireland' a fifth paragraph reading:

'This impact will be made worse because since 2015 there has been no central government funding to local authorities for Local Welfare Provision. This was scrapped in 2015, divesting the

ongoing financial burden to provide a fund of last resort for those in need upon local government.'

Change Bullet Point 2 of the resolution to:

insert between 2. And 'Urge' 'Ask the Interim Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer to' in 2b. substitute the words 'and also give them' for 'by not giving them.'

insert a new '2g. Restore central government funding to local government to provide Local Welfare Provision to those in need.'

Insert a new Point 4 of the resolution to read:

'4. Actively promote the Council's current Local Welfare Provision scheme and other existing charitable funds to those in need who meet the eligibility criteria.'

The amended motion to read:

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This Council further notes that despite the introduction of the National Living Wage and record employment, poverty amongst workers and children was rising before the pandemic. The cuts and freezes in social security played a significant part in this. This Council is concerned that policies put in place to protect the most vulnerable during the pandemic are being wound down and in particular that furlough is due to end on the 30 September 2021 – the National Institute for Economic and Social research estimates 150,000 additional people will lose their jobs across the UK.

In addition, the Conservative Government has so far refused to continue the £20 a week uplift to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit– unfairly never paid to those receiving legacy benefits. The removal of the uplift will amount to a loss of benefit income of £1,040 per year from early October and will have the most severe impact in the North of England, Wales, the West Midlands and Northern Ireland.

This impact will be made worse because since 2015 there has been no central government funding to local authorities for Local Welfare Provision. This was scrapped in 2015, divesting the ongoing financial burden to provide a fund of last resort for those in need upon local government.

The Government has also re-instated the minimum income floor for self-employed earners claiming Universal Credit. The ability of those on low incomes to pay their housing costs will be impacted by these changes at a time when the evictions ban has ended and when Local Housing Allowance rates have been frozen from April this year. These changes will result in a real terms income cut for renters receiving Housing Benefit or Universal Credit despite the cost of rents rising across the country.

This Council resolves to

1. Support the #keepthelifeline campaign to stop the planned cut to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit

2. Ask the Interim Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer to Urge the Conservative Government to
 - a. Keep the £20 a week uplift to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit
 - b. Stop discriminating against families receiving 'legacy benefits', such as Employment Support Allowance, Jobseeker's Allowance and Income Support, and also give them by not giving them this uplift.
 - c. Remove the minimum income floor for self-employed earners claiming Universal Credit
 - d. Remove the April 2021 freeze on Local Housing Allowance rates
 - e. Bring forward as soon as possible legislation to end s21 no fault evictions
 - f. Restore central government funding to local government to provide Local Welfare Provision to those in need.

4. Ask the interim Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and Secretary of State for MHCLG respectively outlining our concerns and asking for swift action to
 - prevent the 45,000 families who are Oldham residents in receipt of Universal Credit and Working Tax Credits (69% of whom are families with children) from falling deeper into poverty because of the changes to these benefits
 - prevent the homes of the most vulnerable families in private rented accommodation in Oldham from being at risk because of the freeze in Local Housing Allowance rates and the end of the evictions ban.

4. Actively promote the Council's current Local Welfare Provision scheme and other existing charitable funds to those in need who meet the eligibility criteria.

Councillor Jabbar exercised his right of reply and indicated he accepted the amendment.

A vote was then taken on the AMENDMENT, which was CARRIED and became the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

AMENDMENT

Councillor Sharp MOVED and Councillor Arnott SECONDED an AMENDMENT, with the amended motion to read:

This Council notes the devastating effect the Coronavirus pandemic has had on many of Oldham's communities. This Council welcomed the introduction of the National Living wage

and the record levels of employment before the pandemic hit. As set out by the BBC who quoted the office of national statistics report in April 2020 saying “UK employment was estimated at a record high in the three months to February, before the effects of the coronavirus lockdown started to hit the economy. Official figures showed 76.6% of people aged 16 to 64 were in paid work, up from 76.4% in the previous quarter.



This Council is concerned that policies put in place to protect the most vulnerable during the pandemic are being wound down and in particular that furlough is due to end on the 30 September 2021 – the National Institute for Economic and Social research estimates 150,000 additional people could lose their jobs across the UK.

This Council calls on the Government to look at ways to continue the £20 a week uplift to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit. The removal of the uplift will amount to a loss of benefit income of £1,040 per year from early October impacting many across claimants across Oldham and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Government has also re-instated the minimum income floor for self-employed earners claiming Universal Credit.

We call on the Government to look carefully at any changes, especially for those on low incomes to pay their housing costs who will be impacted by these changes at a time when the evictions ban has ended and when Local Housing Allowance rates have been frozen from April this year. These changes need to take account of those in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit and the cost of rents rising.

This Council resolves to

1. Support the #keepthelifeline campaign to stop the planned cut to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit
2. Urge HM Government to;
 - a. Keep the £20 a week uplift to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit
 - b. Stop discriminating against families receiving 'legacy benefits', such as Employment Support Allowance, Jobseeker's Allowance and Income Support, by not giving them this uplift.
 - c. Remove the minimum income floor for self-employed earners claiming Universal Credit
 - d. Remove the April 2021 freeze on Local Housing Allowance rates
 - e. Bring forward as soon as possible legislation to end s21 no fault evictions
3. Ask the interim Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and Secretary of State for MHCLG respectively outlining the Councils-concerns and asking what action the respective departments of state can take and what Oldham Council can do by working with them to help take swift action to:
 - prevent the 45,000 families who are Oldham residents in receipt of Universal Credit and Working Tax Credits (69% of whom are families

with children) from falling deeper into poverty because of the changes to these benefits.

- prevent the homes of the most vulnerable families in private rented accommodation in Oldham from being at risk because of the freeze in Local Housing Allowance rates and the end of the evictions ban.

Councillor Jabbar exercised his right of reply.

A vote was then taken on the AMENDMENT, which was LOST.

Councillor Chauhan spoke in favour of the motion.

Councillor Shah spoke in favour of the motion.

Councillor Birch spoke in favour of the motion.

Councillor Jabbar exercised his right of reply.

On being put to the vote, the MOTION as amended was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that

1. The #keepthelifeline campaign to stop the planned cut to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit be supported.
2. The Interim Chief Executive be asked to write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer to urge the Conservative Government to
 - a. Keep the £20 a week uplift to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit
 - b. Stop discriminating against families receiving 'legacy benefits', such as Employment Support Allowance, Jobseeker's Allowance and Income Support, and also give them by not giving them this uplift.
 - c. Remove the minimum income floor for self-employed earners claiming Universal Credit
 - d. Remove the April 2021 freeze on Local Housing Allowance rates
 - e. Bring forward as soon as possible legislation to end s21 no fault evictions
 - f. Restore central government funding to local government to provide Local Welfare Provision to those in need.
3. The Interim Chief Executive be asked to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and Secretary of State for MHCLG respectively outlining the Council's concerns and asking for swift action to
 - prevent the 45,000 families who are Oldham residents in receipt of Universal Credit and Working Tax Credits (69% of whom are families with children) from falling deeper into poverty because of the changes to these benefits
 - prevent the homes of the most vulnerable families in private rented accommodation in Oldham from being at risk because of the freeze in Local

Housing Allowance rates and the end of the evictions ban.

4. The Council's current Local Welfare Provision scheme and other existing charitable funds to those in need who meet the eligibility criteria be actively promoted to those in need who met the eligibility criteria.



Motion 2

Councillor Chadderton MOVED and Councillor Williams SECONDED the following MOTION:

Motion 2 - Safer Communities: Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

This Council notes that:

- This Conservative Government has cut police to the lowest level in a generation and cut funding for services that prevent crime from happening. These decisions have caused a surge in antisocial behaviour leaving people afraid in their own communities.
- Anti-social behaviour has rocketed, with police forces in England and Wales recording 2,022,274 incidents of anti-social behaviour in 2020-21, up by more than 600,000 in a year and the highest rate for seven years. Analysis of the Crime Survey data lays bare the scale of the problem with over 13.6 million adults having witnessed or experienced anti-social behaviour in the last twelve months.
- Greater Manchester Police in 2020-21 have recorded a twenty four percent increase in incidents of anti-social behaviour, this more than 16,506 incidents than in the previous year 2019-20.
- The Government is failing on law and order. Since 2014-15, violent crime has more than doubled with 1,680,884 violent crimes recorded in 2019/20, while the number of suspects charged has fallen by a quarter. Furthermore since 2015-16 there has been a 90 per cent increase in police recorded domestic abuse.
- On 22nd July 2021 the Police Federation of England and Wales (PFEW) representing 130,000 officers stated they no longer had confidence in the Home Secretary The Rt Hon. Priti Patel MP.

This Council further notes that:

- Police in England and Wales are still faced with a £1.6 billion funding gap in 2021 compared with 2010.
- Cuts to policing since 2010 has led to 8,433 fewer officers, 7,633 fewer PCSOs and 7,502 fewer police staff, with 99% of cuts to the police since 2010 being from the frontline. Greater Manchester Police has lost 2,000 officers and 1,000 support staff.

This Council therefore resolves

1. To ask the interim Chief Executive to write to:
 - The Home Secretary to urge the Government to do more to tackle the trouble escalation of anti-social behaviour

across the country, including putting the victims of crime first by strengthening the legal protections for victims of persistent, unresolved anti-social behaviour.

- the Prime Minister urging him to abandon his vanity national yacht project and instead redirect the over £280 million of funds on fighting crime in our communities. This additional funding could be used for surge funding of police officers and PCSOs and for helping councils fund enforcement or to pay for additional CCTV.
2. To continue supporting Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham in his goal to recruit 325 additional officers by the end of this year: this would mean an increase of 1,000 police officers since 2017.

AMENDMENT

Councillor Arnott MOVED and Councillor Woodvine SECONDED the following AMENDMENT, with the amended motion to read:

This Council notes that:

That the failures of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham has overseen a surge in antisocial behaviour leaving people afraid in their own communities.

That the failures of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham has as a result seen Greater Manchester being put into special measures. Greater Manchester Police in 2020-21 have recorded a twenty four percent increase in incidents of anti-social behaviour, this more than 16,506 incidents than in the previous year 2019-20. This is down to the failure of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham, who oversaw one in five of all crimes, and one in four violent crimes, reported by the public to GMP not being recorded by the force. GMP failed to record an estimated 80,100 crimes reported to it between July 1 2019 and June 30 2020, amounting to around 220 crimes a day. As well as the continued failure by the Mayor to get a grip of the Integrated Operational Policing System (iOPS), which has been dubbed iFLOPS by many insiders.

We note with concern that since 2014-15, violent crime has more than doubled with 1,680,884 violent crimes recorded in 2019/20, while the number of suspects charged has fallen by a quarter. Furthermore since 2015-16 there has been a 90 per cent increase in police recorded domestic abuse. We call for more to be done to stamp out the despicable crime of domestic violence.

This Council further notes that:

Newly released figures show that 455 police officers have been recruited in Greater Manchester as part of the Conservative Government's pledge to put 20,000 more officers on the streets by 2023.

Across England and Wales, 9,814 police officers have been recruited since the recruitment drive was launched in September 2019 – putting the Government almost halfway to delivering on its manifesto promise. The additional police for Greater Manchester builds on the newly announced Beating Crime Plan – aimed at reducing crime, protecting victims and making the country safer.



This Council therefore resolves to

1. Ask the interim Chief Executive to write to:
 - The Home Secretary to urge the Government, Police and Crime Commissioners across England and Wales as well as the Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham to do more to tackle the trouble escalation of anti-social behaviour across the country, including putting the victims of crime first by strengthening the legal protections for victims of persistent, unresolved anti-social behaviour.
 - Support the Prime Minister in his continued efforts to reduce crime across the United Kingdom. Urging him to look at other financial means to fund the national yacht project whilst acknowledging the aims to boost Britain abroad and train apprentices and skilled workers at home, and instead look to redirect the estimated £280 million of funds on fighting crime in our communities. This additional funding could be used for surge funding of police officers and PCSOs and for helping councils fund enforcement or to pay for additional CCTV.
2. Acknowledge with concern and reject any efforts made to undermine, delegitimise and unfairly criticise police officers and the work that they do in upholding law and order. Applaud the public service of our police, particularly our local teams in the wider Borough of Oldham. Strongly state our appreciation of the police for their willingness to take on unique challenges and pressures, and potentially shoulder great sacrifice, for the benefit of all citizens. Welcome the announcement by HM Government to increase the maximum prison sentence from 12 months to two years for assaulting a police officer, in a change in law that the national Police Federation has lobbied for extensively. The new law will mean that when a person is convicted of offences, including sexual assault or manslaughter, a judge must consider whether an offence against an emergency worker merits an increase in sentence. Denounce the use of the acronym 'ACAB' across social media channels, which means "All Cops Are Bastards". That this Council disagrees fundamentally with this foul, repulsive language and its statement.
3. To support the recruitment of 325 additional officers by the end of this year: this would mean an increase of 1,000 police officers since 2017.

A vote was then taken on the AMENDMENT, which was LOST.

On being put to the vote, the MOTION was CARRIED.



RESOLVED that:

1. The interim Chief Executive be asked to write to:
 - The Home Secretary to urge the Government to do more to tackle the trouble escalation of anti-social behaviour across the country, including putting the victims of crime first by strengthening the legal protections for victims of persistent, unresolved anti-social behaviour.
 - The Prime Minister urging him to abandon his vanity national yacht project and instead redirect the over £280 million of funds on fighting crime in our communities. This additional funding could be used for surge funding of police officers and PCSOs and for helping councils fund enforcement or to pay for additional CCTV.
2. Support be continued to the Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham in his goal to recruit 325 additional officers by the end of this year: this would mean an increase of 1,000 police officers since 2017.

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NOTICE OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS

Motion 1

Councillor Arnott MOVED and Councillor Byrne SECONDED the following MOTION:

Flying the Flag

The Council notes that.

- Saying that you are proud to be British should not be a source of shame and there is nothing wrong with Patriotism or flying our national flag. It is one of many things that binds our society together.
- That the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is in fact a unique bastion of freedom and that we should be proud of the outstanding role it has played across the world in education, art, culture, science, engineering and in exporting democracy and the rule of law.
- We all have heroes in our communities – whether they are historical or present day, and we should properly celebrate these individuals, and their contribution to our country.

This Council resolves that:

- The Chief Executive of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council write to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office and Secretary of State for Education asking them to support Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council by providing support for schools to teach the national anthem, fly the Union Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, display a portrait of HM Queen Elizabeth II and teach our islands' history.
- Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council reaffirms its support for the sovereignty of the Union of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Crown dependencies and United Kingdom Overseas Territories.
- That the relevant cabinet member will request all schools in the Oldham Metropolitan Borough to:

- Teach their children to sing the national anthem.
- Fly the Union Flag all year round.
- Display a portrait of HM Queen Elizabeth II in a prominent place in schools.

- That Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council display a proper and fitting portrait of HM Queen Elizabeth II (and any future sovereign) in a prominent place within the Council chamber and at the reception of Oldham Council along with our Union Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- This Council rejects the phenomena known as ‘Cancel Culture’ and that it holds these **truths** to be **self-evident**, that of freedom of speech and democracy. Truths which must be cherished and defended.

Councillor Mushtaq spoke against the motion.
Councillor Al-Hamdani spoke against the motion.
Councillor Steve Bashforth spoke against the motion.

A recorded vote was requested and taken on the MOTION as follows:

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Abid, Sahr	FOR	Ibrahim, Nyla	AGAINST
Ahmad, Riaz	Apologies	Iqbal, Javid	
Akhtar, Shoab	AGAINST	Islam, Mohammed Nazrul	AGAINST
Alexander, Ginny		Jabbar MBE, Abdul	AGAINST
Al-Hamdani, Sam	ABSTAIN	Kenyon, Mark	
Ali, Mohon	AGAINST	Lancaster, Luke	FOR
Alyas, Mohammed	AGAINST	Leach, Valerie	Apologies
Arnott, Dave	FOR	Malik, Abdul	AGAINST
Bashforth, Marie	AGAINST	McLaren, Colin	AGAINST
Bashforth, Steven	AGAINST	Moore, Eddie	AGAINST
Birch, Ros	AGAINST	Murphy, Dave	ABSTAIN
Briggs, Norman	Apologies	Mushtaq, Shaid	AGAINST
Brownridge, Barbara	AGAINST	Phythian, Clint	AGAINST
Byrne, Pam	FOR	Phythian, Kyle	AGAINST
Chadderton, Amanda	AGAINST	Roberts, Hannah	AGAINST
Chauhan, Zahid	AGAINST	Salamat, Ali Aqeel	AGAINST

Cosgrove, Angela		Shah, Arooj	AGAINST
Curley, Jamie	FOR	Sharp, Beth	FOR
Davis, Peter	AGAINST	Sheldon, Graham	FOR
Dean, Peter	AGAINST	Shuttleworth, Graham	AGAINST
Garry, Elaine	AGAINST	Stretton, Jean	AGAINST
Gloster, Chris	ABSTAIN	Surjan, Ruji Sapna	AGAINST
Gloster, Hazel	ABSTAIN	Sykes MBE, Howard	ABSTAIN
Goodwin, Chris	AGAINST	Taylor, Elaine	AGAINST
Hamblett, Louie	ABSTAIN	Toor, Yasmin	AGAINST
Hindle, Neil	Apologies	Wilkinson, Mark	FOR
Hobin, Brian	FOR	Williamson, Diane	ABSTAIN
Hulme, George	AGAINST	Williams, Steve	AGAINST
Hussain, Aftab	Apologies	Woodvine, Max	FOR
Hussain, Fida	Apologies	Harrison, Jennifer	AGAINST

On a recorded VOTE being taken, 10 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the MOTION with 35 VOTES cast AGAINST and 7 ABSTENTIONS. The MOTION was therefore LOST.

Motion 2

Councillor Kenyon MOVED and Councillor Al-Hamdani SECONDED the following MOTION:

Adopting ‘Permission Accomplished’ standards in planning

This Council:

- Believes that confidence in the planning process is undermined in circumstances where the public, elected members and professionals are convinced, or simply perceive, that pre-determined bias exists, that the process is not fully transparent, or worse, that corrupt practices prevail.
- Commits that Oldham follow best practice standards in planning to provide reassurance to all parties that the process has integrity, impartiality and is transparent.
- Notes that Transparency International UK (TI-UK), part of the world’s leading non-governmental anti-corruption organisation, published a report ‘Permission Accomplished’ in July 2020 identifying best practice.

Council believes that the ‘Permission Accomplished’ report represents an excellent opportunity to benchmark our local planning procedures, so they mirror the best practice recommendations outlined by TI-UK.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Ask the Overview and Scrutiny Board to establish a task-and-finish group of senior planning and legal officers, all party representation from the Planning Committee, and a representative from TI-UK, to examine the report and identify the best practice that should be adopted in Oldham.
- Ask the Overview and Scrutiny Board to bring their report and recommendations to a future meeting of Council for adoption.

Councillor Dean spoke against the motion.

Councillor S Bashforth spoke against the motion.

Councillor Kenyon exercised his right of reply.

On being put to the vote, the MOTION was LOST.

Motion 3

The Council AGREED to the WITHDRAWAL of this MOTION.

Motion 4

Councillor Murphy MOVED and Councillor H Gloster SECONDED the following MOTION:

Government funding for our overlooked emergency services

Council notes that 9 September is annually marked as Emergency Services Day in the United Kingdom.

Council recognises, with pride and gratitude, the tremendous professionalism and commitment shown by our emergency services personnel (ambulance, fire, police and coastguard) day-in-day out, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, three of our essential emergency services currently remain almost completely unfunded by central government and largely run with financial support from the public by selfless and dedicated volunteers; these being the UK's mountain and cave rescue services; air ambulance services; and the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI).

any injured or ill residents and visitors to this borough have been beneficiaries of the services provided by the Oldham Mountain Rescue Team and North West Air Ambulance Service, and some residents will have also been assisted at sea by the RNLI, yet these services almost wholly rely upon public donations, which are uncertain, rather than having any guarantee of their costs being reimbursed by central government.

Council believes this is unfair, and that some government funding should be provided to guarantee these invaluable services a certain level of income every year.

Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to:

- Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to request that the UK government provide annual funding to these services on an ongoing basis as a clear commitment in the 2022 March Budget.
- Copy in our three local MPs and the Mayor of Greater Manchester seeking their support.

On being put to the vote, the MOTION was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the Chief Executive be asked to:

- Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to request that the UK government provide annual funding to these services on an ongoing basis as a clear commitment in the 2022 March Budget.
- Copy in our three local MPs and the Mayor of Greater Manchester seeking their support.

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UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sheldon SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services, with amended appendices, which informed members of actions taken following the meeting of the Council on 14th July 2021.

RESOLVED that the actions regarding motions and issues from the meeting of the Council on 14th July 2021 be noted.

13

REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services.

The Council was informed that the Local Government Association (LGA) had reviewed the Members Code of Conduct, which all local authorities were legally required to have, and had produced a revised Code for consideration. Whilst the principles in the draft Code were similar to the existing Code, the intention of the revised Code was to provide clarity for Members on obligations under the Code and clarify the paragraphs on Member interests.

The Council noted the Standards Committee had considered the draft and recommend the revised Code for approval.

Members were informed that guidance had been issued by the LGA which would be circulated to members. If the Code was approved, training on the new Code would be provided to all Members.

RESOLVED that the revised Councillor Code of Conduct be approved.

14

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sheldon SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services, which asked the Council to appoint an Independent Person on the Standards Committee and an independent member on the Independent Remuneration Panel.

The Council was informed that a process had been undertaken to appoint an additional independent person on the Standards Committee and an independent member on the Independent Remuneration Panel.

Following advertisement for the positions, a panel comprising of members from the three largest groups and the Director of Legal Services conducted the interviews.

The recommendation from the panel to Council was to appoint Geoffrey Millard as an independent member on the Independent Remuneration Panel and Bushra Tabassum as an Independent Person under the Localism Act for the Standards Committee, both to serve for a 4 year term.

RESOLVED that Geoffrey Millard be appointed as an independent member on the Independent Remuneration Panel and Bushra Tabassum be appointed as an Independent Person under the Localism Act for the Standards Committee, both to serve for a 4 year term.

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EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STRATEGY

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Chadderton SECONDED a report of the Strategic Director of Communities & Reform.

Members were reminded that, at the meeting of Council in June 2020, a commitment was made to develop a new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy for Oldham Council, including the adoption of new Equality Objectives.

The report summarised how the Council currently met its duties in respect of equality in Oldham and proposed the adoption of new Equality Objectives and an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy covering 2021 – 2025.

Members noted that those subject to the equality duty must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

The report summarised how the Council currently achieved this in Oldham, as well as what would be done to further champion equality and diversity in Oldham.

RESOLVED:

1. To approve the new Equality Objectives for 2021 – 2025.
2. To endorse the proposed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for 2021 – 2025.

16

TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2020-21

Councillor Jabbar MOVED and Councillor Shah SECONDED a report of the Director of Finance.



The Council was informed that it was required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce an annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2020/21. The report met 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).

During 2020/21 the minimum reporting requirements were that the full Council should receive the following reports:

- an annual treasury strategy in advance of the year (approved 26 February 2020)
- a mid-year (minimum) treasury update report (approved 16 December 2020)
- an annual review following the end of the year describing the activity compared to the strategy (this report)

The Council was informed that the regulatory environment placed responsibility on Members for the review and scrutiny of treasury management policy and activities. The report was therefore important in that respect, as it provided details of the outturn position for treasury activities and highlighted compliance with the Council's policies previously approved by Members.

The Council confirmed that it had complied with the requirements under the Code to give prior scrutiny to the treasury strategy and the mid-year update. The Audit Committee was charged with the scrutiny of treasury management activities in Oldham and reviewed the content of the annual report at its meeting of 29 June 2021. The Committee was content to commend the report to Cabinet and Council (to ensure full compliance with the Code for 2020/21).

The Cabinet had approved the report on 23 August 2021 and was content to commend the report to Council.

During 2020/21, the Council had complied with its legislative and regulatory requirements. The key actual prudential and treasury indicators detailing the impact of capital expenditure activities during the year with comparators were set out in the report.

Members were informed that actual capital expenditure was less than the revised budget estimate for 2020/21 presented within the 2020/21 Treasury Management Strategy report considered at the Council meeting of 4 March 2021. The outturn position was significantly less than the £147.632m original capital budget for 2020/21 as approved at Budget Council on 26 February 2020.

It had been apparent at the beginning of 2020/21 that spending plans were not going to be realised, the COVID-19 pandemic halted works on projects and delayed the start of others. Because of this, and taking account of re-profiled expenditure, new assumptions, approvals and scheme updates the expenditure budgets and funding plans were continually reassessed throughout in year. The significant re-phasing was associated with the revised vision and strategic framework for 'Creating a Better Place' which was approved in August 2020. This placed more emphasis on economic recovery, given the impact of the pandemic. This review required several existing regeneration projects to be reviewed and rephased to align to the long-term vision of the new strategy. The final outturn position for 2020/21 of £73.227m was a significant reduction compared to the expenditure initially planned and approved at Budget Council in February 2020.

Short Term Temporary Borrowing was undertaken during the year and was detailed in the report.

Other prudential and treasury indicators were to be found in the main body of the report.

The Director of Finance confirmed that the statutory borrowing limit (the authorised limit) was not breached during the financial year 2020/21.

The financial year 2020/21 continued the challenging investment environment of previous years, namely low investment returns.

RESOLVED that:

1. The actual 2020/21 prudential and treasury indicators presented in the Report be approved.
2. The annual treasury management report for 2020/21 be approved.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 8.40 pm

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Present: Councillor Shah (Chair)
Councillors Akhtar, Chauhan, Jabbar, Moores and Roberts

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chadderton, Mushtaq and Stretton

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 THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 27TH JULY 2021**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 27th July 2021 be approved.

6 **REVENUE MONITOR AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2021/22 QUARTER 1 – JUNE 2021**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Finance which provided Cabinet with an update on the Council's 2021/22 forecast revenue budget position at Annex 1 and the financial position of the capital programme as at 30 June 2021 (Quarter 1) together with the revised capital programme 2021/22 to 2025/26, as outlined in section two of the report at Annex 2. The current forecast outturn position for 2021/22 was a projected deficit variance of £0.585m after allowing for approved and pending transfers to and from reserves. The position included additional costs and pressures that have been identified by the Authority in this financial year as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The additional pressures included forecasts of both income shortfalls and additional expenditure that have impacted on the Authority's budgets. The pandemic was continuing to affect nearly all aspects of Council service delivery; however, the most significant areas of concern are the People and Place, Children's Services and Community Health & Adult Social Care Portfolios. Action was being taken and would continue for the remainder of the financial year to address variances and take mitigating action as detailed in the report. The overall corporate position was partly being offset by the application of £7.737m general COVID support received from MHCLG, of which £0.741m has been effectively ring-fenced to Education, Skills and Early Years to support Home to School transport. The remaining £6.996m was available to mitigate against the £11.652m of costs identified as relating to the pandemic. where possible. However, management action has

been initiated across all service areas to review and challenge planned expenditure and to maximise income.

The report outlined the most up to date capital spending position for 2021/22 to 2025/26 for approved schemes. The revised capital programme budget for 2021/22 is £88.075m at the close of Quarter 1, a net increase of £2.073m from the original budget of £86.002m. Actual expenditure to 30 June 2020 was £4.791m (5.44% of the forecast outturn). Without doubt the forecast position would continue to change throughout the year with additional re-profiling into future years.

RESOLVED – That:

1. Forecast revenue outturn for 2021/22 at Quarter 1 being a £0.585m adverse variance having regard to the action being taken to manage expenditure be approved.
 2. Forecast positions for both the Housing Revenue Account, Dedicated Schools Grant and Collection Fund be approved
 3. Use of reserves as detailed in Appendix 1 to Annex 1 4.
- Revised capital programme for 2021/2026 as at Quarter 1 be approved.

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TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2020/21

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Finance which provided the Cabinet details of the Treasury Management Review 2020/21.

The Council was required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce an annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2020/21. This report met 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).

During 2020/21 the minimum reporting requirements were that the full Council should receive the following reports:

- an annual treasury strategy in advance of the year (approved 26 February 2020)
- a mid-year (minimum) treasury update report (approved 16 December 2020)
- an annual review following the end of the year describing the activity compared to the strategy (this report)

The regulatory environment places responsibility on Members for the review and scrutiny of treasury management policy and activities. This report was therefore important in that respect, as it provided details of the outturn position for treasury activities and highlights compliance with the Council's policies previously approved by members.

The Council confirmed that it had complied with the requirements under the Code to give prior scrutiny to the treasury strategy and the mid-year update. The Audit Committee was charged with the scrutiny of treasury management activities in Oldham and reviewed the content of this annual report at its meeting of 29 June 2021 prior to its consideration by Cabinet. The Committee was content to commend the report to Cabinet (to ensure full compliance with the Code for 2020/212).

RESOLVED – That-

1. The actual 2020/21 prudential and treasury indicators presented in this report be approved.
2. The annual treasury management report for 2020/21 be approved.
3. The report be commended to Council.

8 **TOWNS FUND GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Chief Executive which provided Cabinet Members with details of the £24.4m Towns Fund capital grant allocation following confirmation of award the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in June 2021. Four projects from the submission were selected by MHCLG for progression and financial support from the Towns Fund, and with both political approval and approval of the Oldham Town Deal Board, the four projects were allocated an equal share of the allocation:

- £6.134m for Tommyfield Market,
- £6.133m for Making Space for Live Performance
- £6.133m for and Northern Roots, and
- £6.0m for the Flexible Workspace (the maximum allocation permitted in the grant offer letter).

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet would give consideration to the commercially sensitive information contained at Item 10 of the agenda before making a decision.

9 **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.

10 **TOWNS FUND GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 8 Towns Fund Grant Acceptance.

RESOLVED – That the recommendations as contained within the report be approved.

The meeting started at 6pm and finished at 6.12pm

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Present: Councillor Shah (Chair)
Councillors Akhtar, Chadderton, Jabbar, Moores, Mushtaq,
Roberts, and Stretton

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chauhan.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Moores declared a personal interest in Items 5 and 7 by virtue of his Council appointment as a trustee of the Kramer Trust.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **BLOOM STREET LAND AGREEMENT OLDHAM TOWN CENTRE, COLDHURST**

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Deputy Chief Executive, People and Place which sought approval to formally enact and proceed with the land agreement to support the delivery of the new secondary free school following recent planning approval.

The Council had resolved to acquire the interests held by Brook house Group to facilitate the construction of a Free School. The final terms were approved in November 2020 which set out the terms of the proposed lease agreement between the Council, Department for Education and Cranmer Education Trust in respect of land at Bloom Street to enable the development of a new secondary school.

Planning approval had been obtained and the report ought to formally enact the option on the land agreements.

Options/alternatives considered

Option 1 -To enact the agreement with the Department for Education and the Cranmer Education Trust to facilitate the delivery of a new secondary free school at this location in line with the option agreement previously entered into in September 2020.

Option 2 -There was no other option available at this stage given the progress and approvals to date. The Council could decide not to proceed, but this would put the new school programme at risk and the borough would suffer from the lack of education placements and a new quality education provision.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at Item 7 before making a decision.

6 **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.

7 **BLOOM STREET LAND AGREEMENT OLDHAM TOWN CENTRE, COLDHURST**

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 5 -Bloom Street Land Agreement Oldham Town Centre, Coldhurst.

RESOLVED – That the recommendations as detailed in the commercially sensitive report be approved.

The meeting started at 4.00pm and finished at 4.11pm

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
GMCA WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2021**

PRESENT:

Councillor Adele Warren	Bolton
Councillor Alan Quinn	Bury
Councillor Peter Davis	Oldham
Councillor Mohammed Alyas	Oldham
Councillor Robin Garrido	Salford
Councillor Roy Driver	Stockport
Councillor Allison Gwynne	Tameside
Councillor Stephen Adshead	Trafford
Councillor Dylan Butt	Trafford

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

David Taylor	Executive Director, GMCA Waste & Resources
Gwynne Williams	GMCA Deputy Monitoring Officer
Steve Wilson	GMCA Treasurer
Michael Kelly	GMCA Waste & Resources
Justin Lomax	GMCA Waste & Resources
Paul Morgan	GMCA Waste & Resources
Michelle Whitfield	GMCA Waste & Resources
Helen Ashcroft	Trafford Council
Kerry Bond	GMCA Governance & Scrutiny

WRC 21/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Tracey Rawlins, Shaukat Ali, Wendy Cocks and David Lancaster.

WRC 21/25 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED-/

That Councillor Allison Gwynne be appointed Chair for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

WRC 21/26**MEMBERSHIP OF THE GM WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE
2021/22**

That the Membership of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee, as agreed by the GMCA on 25 June 2021 for 2021/2022, be noted, as follows:

District	Member
Bolton	Adele Warren (Con)
Bury	Allan Quinn (Lab)
Manchester	Tracey Rawlins (Lab) Shaukat Ali (Lab)
Oldham	Peter Davis (Lab) Mohammed Alyas (Lab)
Rochdale	Wendy Cocks (Lab) Terry Smith (Lab)
Salford	David Lancaster (Lab) Robin Garrido (Con)
Stockport	Roy Driver (Lab) Helen Foster-Grime (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Allison Gwynne (Lab)
Trafford	Stephen Adshead (Lab) Dylan Butt (Con)
Wigan	N/A ¹

¹Membership excludes Wigan Council as it operates as a unitary authority and administers its own disposal arrangements.

WRC 21/27**APPOINTMENT TO THE GM GREEN CITY REGION
PARTNERSHIP****RESOLVED/-**

That Alan Quinn be appointed to the Green City Region Board for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

WRC 21/28**MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT AND ANNUAL DECLARATION
OF INTEREST FORM****RESOLVED/-**

That Members noted their obligations under the GMCA Members' Code of Conduct and to complete an annual declaration of interest form and that the completed form would be published on the GMCA website be also noted.

WRC 21/29 TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED/-

That the Terms of Reference for the GMCA Waste and Recycling Committee be noted.

WRC 21/30 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2021/22

RESOLVED/-

That the Programme of Meetings for 2021/22, be noted as follows:

- 13 October 2021, 10.00am, Venue TBC
- 26 January 2022, 10.00am, Venue TBC
- 23 March 2022, 10.00am, Venue TBC

WRC 21/30 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no announcements or items of urgent business reported.

WRC 21/31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported by any Member in respect of any item on the agenda.

WRC 21/32 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2021

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 21 April 2021 be approved as a correct record.

**WRC 21/33 WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
2021/22**

Members considered the Waste & Recycling Committee Work Programme, which provided a forward look of items that would focus the work of the Committee during 2021/2022.

Work surrounding the Waste Strategy would be developed into the Work Programme to fit in with the national position.

RESOLVED/-

That the Work Programme be noted.

WRC 21/34 CONTRACTS UPDATE

Justin Lomax, Head of Contract Services, Waste and Resources Team introduced a report which provided an overview of performance of the Waste and Resources Management Services (WRMS) and the Household Waste Recycling Centre Management Services (HWRCMS) Contracts, with updates on key issues currently affecting the waste management services during this period.

It was reported that the data used was undergoing final verification for the annual outturn for the financial year April 2020 to March 2021, which is up to the end of Quarter 4 of year 2, for the two Contracts held by Suez.

Highlights from the report included –

- Current recycling rates were at 46.42% for 2021/21, an increase on the 2019/20 rate of 41.15%
- A total rate of 98.5% of material had been diverted away from landfill disposal, a 5% increase on last year, equating to almost 55kt less with only 1.7kt being sent via this route.
- Rejection levels at the Materials Recovery Facility from kerbside recycling remain at around 18% Although slightly lower than last year's level the tonnage of collected loads rejected at the reception points remains very high, reaching over 7.4kt, with the majority of this coming from the mixed paper and card collection stream.
- Since the last Committee report, there has been 1 further RIDDOR incident, for the period up to 31 March 21, bringing the total for the year to 5. The last incident, in January 2021, was a dangerous occurrence reported to the Health and Safety Executive due to a high-pressure steam leak at the Bolton Thermal Recovery Facility. This was detected following the restart of the turbine bypass station, during a routine inspection of the turbine hall. Appropriate action was taken, including the steam supply being isolated from the affected section of the system, the source of the leak being identified, and a repair being carried out, along with an upgrade to the control system, and a reviewed inspection and replacement plan.
- The overall data shows that throughout the period of the pandemic, total annual Household Waste Recycling Centre visitor numbers have stayed below levels seen in the previous 2 years. With 5.4m visits during 2020/21 being 500k less visits than in the previous year. Final annual data is currently being verified but indicates that

there was approaching 20% less material going through these sites than for last year (equating to over 50kt).

- Van Permit Scheme: SUEZ is continuing to develop the system to administer and manage the usage of HWRC network by householders owning vans. The testing phase will ensure the process for the applicant is as straightforward as possible and that administration is streamlined and compliant with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation. It is anticipated that there will be a soft launch on sites during August 2021 with the hard launch commencing in September 2021.
- Biowaste treatment capacity has been secured until 2026. Bids have been received through the procurement process for a number of smaller treatment packages, these have been evaluated and final stage of approvals are underway.
- SUEZ introduced the segregation of carpets for recycling and sourced outlets whereby the material could be shredded and used on surfaces for equestrian training areas. At the end of 2020 the Environment Agency announced the withdrawal of the Low-Risk Waste Position, where carpet recycling was managed, this was due to come into force in mid-June 2021 but has been delayed for 12 months following the trade body Carpet Recycling UK, and others, lobbying the Environment Agency whilst evidence is gathered on potential plastics and POPs releases.
- The GMCA and SUEZ have agreed to the addition of plasterboard skip collection points at suitable Household Waste Recycling Centres. The sites identified are Arkwright St, Bayley St, Chichester St, Springvale, Hurstwood Court, Salford Road, Bredbury, Adswood, Boysnope Wharf, Lumns Lane and Longley Lane.
- Significant progress has been achieved to meet the construction programme between April and June at the Reliance Street Mechanical Treatment and Reception Facility, which following testing, will be capable of processing 130,000 tonnes of Municipal Solid Waste which equates to an approximate hourly amount of 50 tonnes per/hour.
- Following extensive damage in September 2017 by a fire within the turbine hall building at Raikes Lane Thermal Recovery Facility, extensive refurbishments, repairs, and the installation and trial of the new turbine engine have been undertaken by Suez and completed in April 2021.

Members queried the types of items taken to landfill, it was noted that these are bulky items that are non-compactable or unable to be shredded.

In relation to the disposal of domestic kerbside recycling, Members requested confirmation of percentages rejected due to resident behaviour. Officers clarified that 18% of residential recycling is rejected due to contaminants

It was confirmed that Bredbury Recycling Facility, Stockport, is used to further clean up

contaminated paper and card to enable lower rejection rates.

It was clarified that residents who own vans and encounter issues with the new Van Permit Scheme should liaise directly with their districts recycling team. Trade services should continue to use the weighbridge site facilities.

Members asked where household carpet waste should be recycled. It was confirmed that they can continue to use household recycling facilities, where the majority of waste is recycled.

In relation to plasterboard waste, Members were informed that 1-2k tonnes per annum is shredded and reworked, details on this will be circulated to Members.

Officers confirmed that processes and procedures are in place, along with warranties and guarantees to minimise any down time at the Reliance Street Mechanical Treatment and Reception Facility and that tonnage figures have exceeded previous rates.

Members asked how metal is separated from the waste at the Reliance Street Facility, and what alert procedures are in place in case of battery fires. Officers reported that magnets separate, currently 4%, of metals at the facility and that a fully connected detection and sprinkler system has been installed.

It was confirmed that the shredder at the Reliance Street Facility is larger and therefore has a greater capacity than other sites and has a capacity to shred 50 tonnes per hour.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report be noted.
2. That further information in relation to plasterboard waste be circulated to Members.
3. That the Construction presentation received at section 9 of the report be circulated to Members.
4. That officers confirm the number of jobs created at the Reliance Street Mechanical Treatment and Reception Facility.
5. That further updates on the Raikes Lane Thermal Recovery Facility be brought to future meetings.

WRC 21/35 COMMUNICATIONS AND BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

Michelle Whitfield, Head of Communications and Behavioural Change, GMCA Waste and Resources Team updated the Committee on the Recycle for Greater Manchester

Communications & Behavioural Change delivery plan and the joint SUEZ communications and engagement plan.

- The National Food Waste Action Week 2022 has been confirmed for 7th-13th March 2022.
- Promotion is continuing at the household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) to generate stock for the 3 ReNew shops. Donation containers have been placed at 15 out of the 20 HWRCs, this type of waste would otherwise have gone into the general waste container destined for energy from waste or landfill.
- The Greater Manchester Social Media Strategy is being reviewed to determine what type of content leads to better engagement, ensuring it meets the needs of our audience and contains relevant content.
- The education team are continuing to deliver virtual educational sessions and will continue when restrictions lifted. The refit of the Longley Lane Education Centre is on track to be completed in September. Restrictions allowing, face to face education visits at Longley Lane Visitor Centre and the Solar Farm at Bolton will commence in September.
- The National Nappy Campaign launched in March 2021. The Recycle for GM Team (R4GM) are developing the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign further by working with hospital communication leads to share in maternity wards and with the Maternity Clinical Lead at the Health and Social Care Partnership to hopefully secure partnership working. R4GM are also exploring options to work with Bounty, the online company that supports families in the transition to parenthood, from pregnancy to pre-school, and the Manchester Evening News are looking at options to share the campaign via their Families Online channel.
- For World Environment Day on 5 June 2021, R4GM partnered with Alupro (Aluminium Packaging Recycling Organisation) focussing on the Every Can Counts Campaign, and Every Can Counts ambassadors worked with the team on various public engagement campaigns.
- Research is underway to develop a food waste campaign across the conurbation.

- A report filmed by ITV Granada Reports at the Longley Lane site focussing on battery fires is due to air during w/c 21 June 2021, this will be supported by social media messaging by the R4GM team.

It was confirmed that battery recycling is the responsibility of the industry/supplier, there are emerging discussions with partners on how this can be addressed, whether through social media or a separate advertising campaign.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the progress of the Communications and Behavioural Change Plan.
2. To note the progress on the joint SUEZ and R4GM Communications and Engagement Plan.

WRC 21/36 RESOURCES AND WASTE STRATEGY FOR ENGLAND CONSULTATIONS

Paul Morgan, Head of Commercial Services, Waste and Resources Team updated the Committee on the Consultation on Consistency in Household and Business Recycling in England and its possible implications for Greater Manchester.

Implications of the proposed strategy for Greater Manchester include:

- Even though the weekly collection of food and garden waste collections will be funded by the New Burdens regime, this would still impact depots and facilities.
- Having six/7 recycling containers per household would not be suitable to the more densely populated areas and would cause significant health and safety concerns, such as congestion and increased omission, not all provision services for flats would accommodate the receptacle's and will need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Studies have shown that there would be little environmental benefit over the current system used in GM.

The consultation response has been submitted to Government, responses detailing a course of action from all responses received are expected in the Autumn.

Discussions with districts will progress over the next few weeks and will include the waste strategy and wider implications, such as, the carbon agenda - net zero by 2028.

Members raised concerns on the suggestion that three bins be collected on one day, this causing problems for people with sight and/or mobility issues, users of mobility chairs, prams etc.

Members reiterated their concerns regarding the number of additional bins being required and other factors and suggested that GM residents be surveyed as evidence to the consultation response.

It was reported that Government believed that separate collections would indicate a better standard of return. In preparation, officers were undertaking relevant modelling to consider the best options.

In relation to mandated fortnightly residual waste collections, Members were concerned that this would reduce recycling rates and have significant cost implications. Furthermore, three weekly collections were well established in many areas of Greater Manchester so this would potentially cause unnecessary confusion for residents. However, it was noted that collections, bin sizes and bin colours were not standard across GM and therefore it would be difficult in the current contractual arrangements to meet Government demands to standardise at this point.

Greater Manchester has well established collection patterns and should also not be quick to introduce changes that would not be for the good of its residents.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report.

WRC 21/37 GMCA WASTE AND RESOURCES BUDGET OUTTURN 2020/21

Steve Wilson, GMCA Treasurer introduced the report setting out the revenue and capital outturn for 2020/21 for the Waste and Resources Service.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report.

WRC 21/38 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED/-

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, member of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraphs 3 & 5, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the

public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

WRC 21/39 CONTRACTS UPDATE

RESOLVED/-

That the contracts update, and key risks set out in the report be noted.

GM HEALTH AND CARE BOARD

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON 30 JULY 2021

Bolton Council	Rachel Tanner
Bury Council	Geoff Little
Manchester CC	Councillor Richard Leese (Chair)
Oldham Council	Councillor Zahid Chauhan
Rochdale Council/HMR CCG	Steve Rumbelow
Salford CC	Mayor Paul Dennett Tom Stannard
Stockport MBC	Councillor Jude Wells Pam Smith
Tameside Council	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford Council	Councillor Jane Slater Sara Saleh
Wigan Council	Councillor Keith Cunliffe Alison Mc Kenzie-Folan
Manchester Health and Care Commissioning	Ruth Bromley
Oldham CCG	Mike Barker
Salford CCG	Tom Tasker
Stockport CCG	Andrea Green
Tameside & Glossop CCG Trafford CCG	Muhammad Imran
Wigan CCG	Craig Harris
GM Mental Health NHS Trust	Rupert Nichols
MFT	Kathy Cowell
Northern Care Alliance NHS	Michael Luger

Pennine Care NHS FT	Daniel Benjamin
Salford NHS FT	Chris Brookes
Stockport NHS FT	Tony Warne
Tameside NHS FT	Jane Mc Call
The Christie	Chris Harrison
Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS FT	Mark Jones
Director of GM Mayors Office	Kevin Lee
GM Mayor	Andy Burnham
GMCA	Eamonn Boylan Julie Connor Lindsay Dunn Andrew Lightfoot
GM Joint Health Scrutiny Members and Substitutes	Councillor Tanya Burch Councillor Shazia Butt Councillor Ronald Conway Councillor Dickie Davies Councillor Keith Holloway
GM Health and Social Care Partnership Team	Laura Conrad Sarah Price Janet Wilkinson
NWAS	Angela Wetton
Primary Care Board	Janet Castrogiovanni Tracey Vell
Provider Federation Board	Martyn Pritchard

HCB 16/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the following;

Asad Ali (Tameside & Glossop CCG), Councillor Daalat Ali (Rochdale MBC), Councillor Susan Baines (Bolton Council), Rob Bellingham (GM JCT), Tim Dalton (Wigan CCG), Chris Duffy (HMR CCG), Mark Fitton (Stockport Council), Andrew Furber (PHE), Baroness Beverly Hughes (GM Mayor's Office), Karen James (Tameside & Stockport NHS FT), Councillor John O'Brien (Chair

GM JHS), Fiona Noden (Bolton NHS FT), Councillor Arooj Shah (Oldham Council), Roger Spencer (The Christie), Sara Todd (Trafford Council), Liz Treacy (GMCA), Alex Whinnom (GMCVO) and Ian Williamson (Manchester HCC).

HBC 17/21 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

Councillor Richard Leese welcomed all to the virtual meeting of the GM Health and Care Board and explained that due to the sudden death of Bolton Council Leader, David Greenhalgh, the Board would only consider the report on the proposed governance model and architecture of the new Greater Manchester health and care system. A minutes silent reflection would conclude the meeting to offer and pay respect to both Councillor Greenhalgh and Professor Dr Kailash Chand who had also passed away suddenly earlier that week.

Leading tributes to Councillor David Greenhalgh, the Chair reflected on the warm accolades offered and the cross party respect for his role in leading Bolton, his engagement in GM as the only Conservative leader and the responsibility and achievement in managing the Culture portfolio. His support for GM devolution and governance in relation to health and care was also recognised. On behalf of GM, Sir Richard acknowledged that David would be sadly missed as a friend and proactive colleague to many. Thoughts and sympathies were offered to David's family, friends, colleagues and Bolton.

Rachel Tanner, Managing Director, Bolton Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) and Director Adult Services (DASS), Bolton Council thanked Sir Richard for his words of comfort and spoke about the shock being felt by many at the sudden loss of David. He was recognised as an exemplary leader who had served Bromley Cross, Bolton Council and Greater Manchester with utter dedication and passion. She spoke about his brave leadership throughout the pandemic, particularly when Bolton had come under intense scrutiny. His passion for culture and arts was recognised along with his role in leading the portfolio in GM. His gratitude and love for the NHS was displayed by his dedication to the GM Partnership along with health and care integration in Bolton. Tributes had recognised that David was a fair, inclusive, warm hearted and committed leader and was known for his wit and jovial character. For all those reasons Councillor David Greenhalgh would be fondly remembered and never forgotten.

The Chair highlighted that many in GM would have been saddened to hear about the passing of the enormously popular and committed GP Professor Kailash Chand earlier in the week. Kailash had been a GP in Ashton Under Lyne for 25 years and had been the first Asian to be elected as honorary vice-president and deputy chair of the council of the British Medical Association, representing more than 150,000 doctors in the UK.

He was renowned for his longstanding service to the NHS, for which he received an OBE and was a fearless defender and staunch supporter of the National Health Service. His impact across GM and the rest of the country was immense and on behalf of the Board sincere condolences were offered to the family, friends and colleagues, many of whom were present at the meeting.

Councillor Brenda Warrington, Leader Tameside Council thanked Sir Richard for his condolences and spoke about her feelings of shock and sadness at the unexpected news of Kailash's sudden passing. His many talents were acknowledged along with his role which was steeped within the NHS along with his fearless campaigning against privatisation. The love and respect for him by his patients past and present, long after his retirement for all his help and support as their GP was acknowledged. His daily messages and thoughts for the day were regarded as personal and poignant by many and his sincerity towards family and many friends would be greatly missed. Councillor Warrington advised that Kailash was also a current member of the Council of Governor's at Tameside & Glossop NHS FT at the time of his passing and a Tameside resident. Condolences and support were offered to his family, especially his son.

GM Mayor, Andy Burnham echoed the reflections provided for both Councillor David Greenhalgh and Professor Dr Kailash Chand. He acknowledged their personal warmth, innate kindness and complete commitment to Greater Manchester. David was described as a leader that recognised place ahead of politics who had led Bolton and the culture and arts sector across GM through some difficult challenges over the last 18 months. His warm, generous and collegiate nature would be hugely missed and the Mayor offered Bolton his sympathy and support in their tragedy. Kailash had been a personal and close friend of the GM Mayor who had supported him throughout his political career since first meeting 15 years previously. His accolades of 'Dedicated Doctor of the Year' and 'GP of the Year' was acknowledged to be testament of his commitment and kindness to the people of Ashton, Tameside and Greater Manchester. His broader role in leading the Manchester and India Partnership and more recently proposing the formation of the Race Equality Panel for GM of which he was a member were recognised. The Mayor reflected on the last message he received from Kailash and likened it to the difficulties currently being faced by the NHS.

Dr Tracey Vell, Associate Lead in Primary and Community care GMHSCP spoke of her sadness and paid tribute to the accomplishments during his amazing career of her dear friend and mentor Dr Kailash Chand. She described him as a respected colleague by all in general practice who was a leading, embodied spiritual leader. His support and advice to the GP Advisory Group as GM adopted health and care devolution was acknowledged. Moreover, he was described as a kind and eloquent man who was fearless in his beliefs for a National Health Service without commercialisation. Support and condolences were extended to his family, friends and colleagues for the fearsome campaigner of race and those without a voice who would never be forgotten.

Councillor Zahid Chauhan, Oldham Council reflected on his time knowing Kailash and the profound impact he had on him as a medical student. He spoke of the encouragement, support and the positive challenge he had offered him personally. He was described as a defender of the NHS and the rights of those who accessed services and whose life should be celebrated.

The Chair thanked everyone who had provided tributes on the loss of two remarkable individuals which would be felt by Greater Manchester and the people. The lessons they had provided would be remembered and reflected in the behaviour across health and care in GM.

HCB 18/21 PROPOSED GREATER MANCHESTER GOVERNANCE

The Chair introduced the report and advised members it had been endorsed the previous day by the GM Health and Social Care Partnership Executive Board who had recommended that a pragmatic approach be adopted to enable progress ensuring that regular review was undertaken to adapt and change accordingly.

Sarah Price, Interim Chief Officer, GMHSCP, advised the emerging proposals for the governance model and architecture of the new Greater Manchester health and care system had been developed by the governance task and finish group, supported by Mike Farrar who had been working with GM towards the establishment of the GM Integrated Care System (ICS). In addition, there had been wider system engagement throughout workshops held during June which had also played an important part in developing the proposals.

Whilst it was acknowledged the legislation had not yet been agreed, it was anticipated that the national requirements would allow GM to develop a model with flexibility which held partnership at the heart of the proposals and the role of the Board in driving health and social care devolution was recognised. The new arrangements proposed would ensure a strong focus on partnership to enable the continuation of the devolution journey. An overview of the new arrangements and roles of the respective boards was provided.

In support of the proposals, principles and desired outcomes, members requested that the governance structure did not become overly complex and bureaucratic, particularly where there were proposed additional GM structures that had not been mandated nationally. Moreover, there was greater emphasis on the wider determinants of health and building back fairer in GM to reduce health inequalities and improve health outcomes. The role of localities and neighbourhoods to develop flexible plans and boards to manage and address specific concerns was emphasised along with an outline of the financial accountabilities of the proposed governance arrangements.

Whilst it was recognised there was a requirement to move at pace ahead of the implementation of shadow arrangements prior to full enactment on 1 April 2022, assurance was requested that both the newly appointed ICS Chair and Chief Executive would have the opportunity to provide their input regarding governance proposals once appointments were confirmed. It was acknowledged that their contributions would be welcomed and it was anticipated that they would also regard the proposals as a further prospect to continue onto the next stage of the health devolution journey.

In approving the proposals, members acknowledged that there had to be a starting point and accepted the governance may first appear complex whilst developing shadow arrangements. It was agreed that a review period should be incorporated which would enable the flexibility to adjust and adapt accordingly as the shadow arrangements were established. The importance of building relationships across boundaries to tackle issues and develop trust was recognised along with the duty to collaborate as a system.

RESOLVED/-

1. That proposals for governance set out in the report be approved and adapted.
2. That the ambition to establish the arrangements in shadow form from 1 October 2021 be supported.

HC B 19/21 MINUTES SILENCE

The Chair invited members to observe a minute's silence to conclude the meeting to mourn the loss and reflect on the lives of both Councillor David Greenhalgh and Dr Kailash Chand.

HC B 20/21 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To be arranged and advised.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD
22/06/2021 at 2.00 pm



Present: Councillor M Bashforth (Chair)
Councillors Birch, Chauhan and Moores

Also in Attendance:

Mike Barker	Strategic Director of Commissioning/Chief Operating Officer
Majid Hussain	Lay Chair Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Dr Keith Jeffery	Oldham CCG
Stuart Lockwood	OCLL
Kaidy McCann	Constitutional Services
Katrina Stephens	Director of Public Health
Rebekah Sutcliffe	Strategic Director, Communities and Reform
Tamoor Tariq	Oldham Healthwatch
Mark Warren	Director, Adult Social Care
Christine Wood	Constitutional Services

1 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS**

RESOLVED – That Dr John Patterson and Majid Hussain be appointed Vice Chairs of the Health and Wellbeing Board for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Leach, Councillor Skyes, Carolyn Wilkins, Chris Allsopp, Donna Cezair, Gerard Jones, Joanne Sloan, Karen Worthington, Liz Windsor-Welsh, Claire Smith, Val Hussain, David Jago and Dr John Patterson.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Tamoor Tariq declared an Interest by virtue of being an Elected Member of Bury Council and Bury Health and Wellbeing Board.

Councillor Chauhan declared an Interest by virtue of his employment as a Local General Practitioner in Oldham.

Dr Keith Jeffery declared an Interest by virtue of his employment as a Local General Practitioner in Oldham.

4 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions had been received.

6 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 23rd March 2021 be approved as a correct record.

7 **PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

The Board was advised that there was a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). Oldham's current PNA was due to be reviewed during 2020/21 and the renewed PNA was to be published in April 2021.

The Board was informed that the Department for Health and Social Care determined that the publication of PNAs be suspended for one year, until April 2022, in order to reduce unnecessary extra pressure on local authorities and Local Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs) during the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The deadline for publishing the PNA was then pushed back further to October 2022 with guidance on the production of the PNA being produced within the upcoming months.

The Board was also required to publish a supplementary statement which outlined updated information that superseded the original information in the PNA 2018-21 and the statements issued on 17 December 2018 and June 2020. The Board was advised that the statement would be ready in the next month and would be published as soon as it was completed. There were no significant changes to pharmacy opening times and no issues were expected to arise from the publication.

RESOLVED that:

1. the suspension of the requirement to publish the renewed Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) until October 2022 as determined by the Department of Health and Social Care as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic be noted.
2. the publication of a new supplementary statement which reflects local changes in pharmaceutical provision since the previous supplementary statements be agreed.

8 **HEALTHWATCH OLDHAM REPORT - COVID-19: YOUR HEALTH AND CARE EXPERIENCES REPORT**

The Board received a report on behalf of Healthwatch Oldham which advised Members of the findings of the research undertaken which looked at people's experiences of health and social care services in Oldham during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board was advised that Greater Manchester had been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 compared to the rest of the UK with Oldham being in the top 20 local Authorities by all-time case rates. Oldham had sustained enduring levels of COVID-19 since the pandemic began with over 690 deaths

reported to date. The demographic make-up of the Oldham's population, comparatively high levels of poverty and deprivation have meant that some Oldham residents have been at increased risk throughout the pandemic.

The Board was informed that a questionnaire had been released in July 2020 and was due to close in August 2020. Due to the views of people from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities not being accurately represented and to increase the participation rates, the survey had been extended to 31st October 2020 and work was done with the local BAME community groups/projects to gather more ethnically diverse responses.

The survey had highlighted key themes on communication, access to services, cancelled appointments and experience within services. Respondents felt there was a lack of clear and regular communication, the main concern was the conflicting and confusing messages on COVID-19 guidance both locally and nationally which received 42 comments. Respondents felt that the easiest services to access were pharmacies with 358 comments. In contrast, the most difficult service to access was in-person GP appointments of which 213 comments were received. Over half of the respondents (353) stated that they had had appointments cancelled with the highest being dental appointments at 165 comments. Of the 239 respondent's who attended in-person appointments, 143 respondents felt that adequate guidance was given on minimising risks. The responses suggested that there were mixed reviews on the benefits of in-person and online consultations with responses that indicated some people found the limited face-to-face support very difficult whilst others gave positive responses to the remote support and felt it could complement face to face consultations.

RESOLVED that that report be noted.

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**NHS WHITE PAPER - INTEGRATION AND INNOVATION:
WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND
SOCIAL CARE FOR ALL AND DEVELOPING AN
INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM - UPDATE**

The Committee were provided with a presentation on the NHS White Paper transition to ICS update.

The Committee was advised that Government had launched the White Paper consultation and in February 2021 had broadly confirmed the outcomes. The proposed Bill had not yet been through the reading of the proposed legislation in Government which until it passed the new model could not be changed until further in the process.

The White Paper included fundamental changes to the Secretary of State. A range of things had been designed to remove barriers that would enable integration and collaboration with providers. The CCG would be removed and replaced with

Integrated Care Systems with staff being transferred however the vast majority of those staff would be redeployed locally.



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It was explained that Greater Manchester would receive funding with which would be delegated down to each Authority. Place based leads would continue within Oldham supported by a System Board and an Integrated Delivery Board. The five tactical neighbourhood boards would help connect from the top to bottom supporting the Strategic Oldham Population Health Board.

The proposal would create an operating model that was fit for Oldham allowing more influence and control of its destiny. All services would be local and devolved down from Greater Manchester to Oldham and Oldham to the localities.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board was a development session scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 27th July 2021 at 2.00pm.

It was noted that the next formal meeting of the Board was scheduled for 14th September 2021 at 2.00pm.

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 3.22 pm

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY 20 AUGUST 2021 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mark Aldred (in the Chair)	Wigan Council
Councillor Kevin Peel	Bury Council
Councillor Naeem Hassan	Manchester City Council
Councillor John Leech	Manchester City Council
Councillor Emma Taylor	Manchester City Council
Councillor Howard Sykes	Oldham Council
Councillor Norman Briggs	Oldham Council
Councillor Phil Burke	Rochdale MBC
Councillor Shah Wazir	Rochdale Council
Councillor Warren Bray	Tameside MBC
Councillor Barry Warner	Salford Council
Councillor Roger Jones	Salford Council
Councillor Tom McGee	Stockport MBC
Councillor Steve Adshead	Trafford Council
Councillor Paul Prescott	Wigan Council

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Peter Boulton	TfGM
Nicola Kane	TfGM
Elsie Wraighte	TfGM
Richard Nickson	TfGM
Megan Black	TfGM
Martin Key	TfGM
Gwynne Williams	Deputy Monitoring Officer, GMCA
Chris Boardman	Transport Commissioner
Eve Holt	GM Moving
Ian Tierney	Cycling Projects
Nicola Ward	Senior Governance Officer, GMCA

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Susan Emmott	Rochdale Council
Councillor Barrie Holland	Tameside Council
Owain Roberts	Northern
Daniel Coles	Network Rail

GMTC 33/21 APOLOGIES

That apologies be received and noted from Councillors Mohammed Ayub, Stuart Haslam, Jackie Harris, Doreen Dickinson, Nathan Evans, Joanne Marshall, Andrew Western, David Meller, the GM Mayor Andy Burnham, Bob Morris, Chief Operating Officer TfGM and Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer GMCA and TfGM.

GMTC 34/21 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

Resolved /-

1. That it be noted that Councillor Naeem Hassan be appointed to the GMATL Board.
2. That thanks be expressed to operators in attendance at the meeting and those observing through the livestream.

GMTC 35/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Resolved /-

That it be noted that Councillor Phil Burke declared a personal interest in relation to item 10, Transport Network Performance.

GMTC 36/21 MINUTES OF THE GM TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 18 JUNE 2021

Resolved /-

That the minutes of the GM Transport Committee meeting held 18 June 2021 be approved as a correct record.

GMTC 37/21 MINUTES OF THE GM TRANSPORT COMMITTEE SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved /-

That the minutes of the GMTC Sub Committees as below be noted.

- Metrolink & Rail Sub Committee – 16 July 2021
- Bus Services Sub Committee – 6 August 2021

GMTC 38/21 INTRODUCTION FROM THE GM TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER

Chris Boardman, explained to the Committee that his role had been expanded and he was now the Transport Commissioner for Greater Manchester, with three key elements – to implement the Bee Network, to liaise with Local Authorities and to liaise with Central Government. The Bee Network Board had also been established to oversee the delivery of the Bee Network on a weekly basis. It was recognised that the ambitions for transport in Greater Manchester were big and challenging, however they were vital to ensure that the wider ambitions of the Greater Manchester Strategy were to be achieved. The Bee Network aspired to provide an integrated, affordable, reliable and stable public transport network that people actively chose to use because it also felt safe and could provide comparable journey times to that of using a car.

The Transport Commissioner would be producing a report for the GM Mayor and Leaders to refine the definition of the Bee Network, identify where prioritisation could enable the greatest efficiency and determine what other requirements there would be to ensure success of the network. It was clear that Greater Manchester had the ability to lead the country on the transport agenda, however it would take some courageous decisions to move away from the current status quo and enable significant change.

Members were supportive of the ambitions of the Transport Commissioner but were mindful of the challenges that could continue to halt progress on this agenda. For example, recent reports had shown that although car usage was almost back at pre-covid levels, the return to public transport was still significantly behind. With more cars on the roads, and an increase in home deliveries, members were concerned that a congestion crisis would soon be reached. The Transport Commissioner recognised this approaching crisis and reported that there were now 1.7 billion extra journeys on small roads across GM resulting in a saturation of residential areas. Not making any change would result in no change to this situation, however it was impossible to penalise people without a suitable alternative. Action was also critical to support GM in reducing its carbon emissions, as currently 30% were produced by the transport sector.

Members were also fully supportive of a modal shift across GM but were concerned that the criteria for infrastructure schemes resulted in a barrier for this change. The Transport Commissioner reported that more often political will resulted in a blockage for the delivery of new infrastructure but was pleased to report that with the ability to better align Government funding, the programme would be able to be accelerated at pace. Furthermore, there had been significant work undertaken to ensure GM schemes met the required standards, and it was also positive to see that Government had now adopted the same standards which would result in shared criteria for infrastructure improvements going forward. Officers added that previously there had been significant challenge created by the required pre-scheme assessments for DfT, however they had now recognised the value of broadening the scope of benefits which has seen some reduction in assessment requirements but some increase in monitoring and evaluation.

In relation to funding, Members queried as to whether there had been any revenue expenditure included in recently approved capital schemes, as previously this had resulted in additional costings to Local Authorities and therefore schemes with minimal maintenance were much more welcomed. The Transport Commissioner explained how there was a commitment to maintenance included within each bid, including cleaning and re-painting costs, however it was possible that these costs could be reduced if Local Authorities jointly procured such services. Officers also added that sophisticated design that looks to segregate traffic modes reduced wear to road markings as cars were retained within their specific area. With more schemes akin to these, the overall maintenance costs to Local Authorities could potentially reduce, however officers urged that Local Authorities review the priorities of each winter maintenance scheme to determine whether they were inline with their active travel/public transport ambitions.

Members felt that often developing transport infrastructure in the outer lying areas of Greater Manchester proved especially challenging, however made a case to officers that these areas were not forgotten within the Bee Network proposals. It was confirmed that it was very much the intention to ensure that every resident of GM had access to a public transport service that met all the aspirations of the Bee Network and that the whole of the sub region moved forward together in this journey.

In relation to the increase of trips made by car, Members reported that there were often

external influences that resulted in cars being the only option available to people, including the current school admissions policy where frequently families were required to get children to different schools within a small time window, resulting in the need to drive and contribute further to traffic congestion around schools. The Transport Commissioner recognised the wider context around these initially transport related objectives and the need to bring other policies inline.

Resolved /-

That the presentation from the GM Transport Commissioner be noted.

GMTC 39/21 STREETS FOR ALL

Nicola Kane, Head of Strategic Planning, Insight and Innovation TfGM took Members through a report which provided an overview of the Streets for All Strategy, which formed a sub-strategy to the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040. Its focus was as to how to create inclusive and people friendly streets that also created a better environment for walking and cycling. It was noted that through the lockdown period people has become more aware of their local areas and there had been an increase in the use of local facilities including parks, cycle paths, local shops and the strategy's vision was to encourage the continuation of these behaviours through ensuring areas were welcoming, safe and clean.

Members recognised that the ethos of the Streets for All approach had been an evolution that Greater Manchester had already been supporting over recent years, however on of the most significant barriers to people enjoying the offer within the city centre was the antisocial behaviour still experienced on some public transport. Officers reported that the City Centre Transport Strategy for Manchester and Salford looked to implement a number of streets for all schemes across the city centre with a specific focus on Piccadilly Gardens as an area with a strong place function and a key transport hub. The strategy encompassed a broader sense of personal safety, that not only included road safety interventions.

Members of the Committee reported that in some cases proposals for Streets for All schemes had proven divisive amongst communities and expressed their understanding that ensuring balance within shared spaces could prove difficult as each stakeholder often had different priorities. Officers replied that as most people were multi-modal, the Streets for All Strategy tried to bring them together to look at shared priorities. It was clear that a shared vision was imperative that looked to mitigate any negative impacts to any particular mode of travel. Members added that such conversations could be quite politically challenging as there were often quite opposing views. It was felt that further demonstration of the benefits from those schemes already delivered would help residents to see the potential benefits in other areas. Schemes should also be more connected and seen as part of a wider programme to enable greater ambitions to be reached. It was reported that often the frustration of residents in relation to such schemes was as a result of short timescales, lack of consultation and lack of awareness of the wider benefits of the proposed interventions. Officers recognised this and hoped that the work to develop ten Local Improvement Plans for GM as part of the 5 Year Transport Delivery Plan had already begun to work with communities to set out where improvements could and should be made to achieve local ambitions for clean, safe and welcoming streets.

Members urged that when posing the questions to residents, that they were approached in a creative way rather than a traditional planning consultation approach that could often be set in tone that looked for the issues rather than highlighting the potential benefits from

solutions. The support of Members was welcomed in order to have the widest level of engagement and officers recognised the need for a more 'benefits led' approach to future consultations. A shared narrative across all elements of each Local Implementation Plan was also needed to ensure that an active neighbourhood or Streets for All scheme was not seen in isolation. This proved an ideal opportunity for GM to take a different approach, to work cross boundary and remove fragmentations.

In relation to two recent schemes in Rochdale, Members reported that there had been some issues raised as parking spaces had been reduced. It was felt that there should be equal provision for all modes and an awareness that although there was great ambition for active travel, that cars would remain until a more reliable network was on offer and therefore removing provisions for car drivers would currently result in further frustrations. However, Members also recognised that every significant transport improvement to date had required courage to implement and political strength to support. Schemes such as the Guided Busway received a high number of complaints initially yet was now surpassing all expectations in relation to patronage levels and was seen as a major asset to the public transport network in GM.

Members asked for further clarity as to a reference in the report to 'Quality Bus Transit' and were informed that this was in relation to improving public transport connectivity, particularly those orbital routes, joining town centres. Providing an uplift in bus provision driven by the Streets for All ambitions and a shared set of objectives that also support the overall objectives of bus reform. Members asked for consideration to be given to an expansion of the guided busway, enabling its success to be shared with other areas of GM.

There was a clear need for more education in relation to the Streets for All approach that would inform the future generations of the benefits of creating such spaces. Members asked whether there were any initiatives with local schools in areas where consultations were being undertaken to share the potential benefits with the children who live there. Unless there was a cultural shift, the Committee were concerned that Transport would continue to be a significant issue for future generations.

Resolved /-

1. That the GM Streets for All approach and principles that will underpin the Streets for All Strategy, as set out in the report, be noted.
2. That the approach be endorsed prior to planned approval of the Streets for All Strategy by GMCA in September.

GMTC 40/21 WALKING AND CYCLING UPDATE

Richard Nickson, Programme Director Cycling and Walking, TfGM introduced a report which provided an update on GM walking and cycling activities over the last 6 months and set out key actions up to December 2021. There had been significant progress over the last 18 months on a pipeline of infrastructure schemes and a series of Made to Move priorities with thanks to the efforts of Local Authority and TfGM officers. As a result, there had now been £90m of schemes approved of the £160m budget, and a further £20m received from Government following three successful additional bids. Other highlights had included the provision of bikes to the TravelSafe team to allow wider access to the network and provision to key workers to ensure they were able to get to work during the pandemic. There had also been 37 grants awarded to communities to support walking and cycling

schemes. Key objectives for the forthcoming year included the delivery of 100km of the Bee Network, the launch of the Bike Hire Scheme in Manchester, Salford and Trafford in November 2021 and the continuation of the e-scooter trial in other areas of the conurbation. TfGM and colleagues from the Local Authorities had also been working on a Crossings Report to be presented to Government and a Road Danger Reduction Plan which had evidenced GM's approach to developing strategic policy whilst also delivering local initiatives to meet the shared Active Travel ambitions.

In relation to the Road Danger Reduction Plan, Members asked for clarification as to its publication date. Officers suggested that this report be brought to the GMTC in October, which would be further followed by a specific action plan.

Members were concerned that the deadlines for development funding and pipeline scheme preparedness was often very short and enforced by Central Government with little or no flexibility. It was therefore imperative that Local Authorities had the support to get schemes prepared for the arrival of any future development funding so that they would be ready to be delivered. Officers advised that regular information was shared across the GM Local Authorities to ensure that they are aware of what was being asked by Central Government, and why GM were required to take a particular approach. A set of FAQs had also been produced to assist with questions from local residents or support local consultation exercises. There was a wealth of additional information also available on the updated Active Travel website - <https://activetravel.tfgm.com/>

With respect to cultural change, officers reported that recent social media monitoring had enabled TfGM to identify a shift from people actively not accepting proposed schemes, to actively choosing to consider them in the future. This shift would be crucial in enabling a more active travel focussed approach to infrastructure development and other outputs.

Rochdale had been one of the areas where the e-scooter scheme had been piloted and there had been many positive outcomes realised. However there had also been some complaints in relation to their inappropriate use, and their use by young people without a provisional license. Members urged that the lessons learnt from the pilot ensured that both e-scooter drivers and other road users were kept safe and that operation practices were improved. Officers reported that the general perception of the pilots were positive, however there was a planned conversation with GMP's Chief Inspector regarding how to improve their safe use. One of the greatest challenges was in relation to private e-scooter use which was not overseen in the same way as the hire schemes, however they could be bought legally in the UK. It would be imperative to push back to Government on this legislation to remove the risk of e-scooters being used illegally in a public space and creating related anti-social behaviour issues.

Members were keen to see the introduction of the new GM Bike Hire scheme but were anxious that the failures of the previous scheme were not repeated. Officers advised that these newly procured bikes were significantly different in that they were fully smart and were fitted with GPS devices. They also had a double locking system that could only be completed in a docking station and therefore would not be able to be left in obscure locations across the city centre. They were hoped to be a key element of the Bee Network that could be rolled out across other areas of GM in time. Members suggested that electric bikes should be considered in some of the outer lying areas where routes were often of larger gradients.

In relation to road safety, Members reported that budget cuts to this agenda had been significant and therefore it still played a substantial barrier to active travel. As part of any

sustainable travel bid, Members urged that there be a road safety element to address this.

Resolved /-

1. That the progress that has taken place over the last 12 months against the 15 Made to Move steps be noted.
2. That the priorities that have been identified to take forward over the next 12 months be noted.
3. That the infrastructure, by Local Authorities that should be delivered by December 2021 be noted.
4. That the Road Danger Reduction Strategy be brought to the October meeting of the Committee for consideration by members.
5. That the data contained within the appendix table be re-issued to Members of the Committee.

GMTC 41/21 GM MOVING

Eve Holt, GM Moving introduced a report which reminded members of the Committee that they were all advocates for the ambition to ensure all residents of GM had active lives, however, to further this ambition active travel needed intention by design. It was clear that despite the well-known benefits of active travel, this question looked very different for different people at different times e.g., social and economic inclusion, mental health support and climate change improvements many of which could also be difficult to measure. However, it was now recognised that those who experienced barriers to active travel also experienced barriers to accessing all that GM had to offer. A bottom up, grass roots approach would be needed to ensure that all residents were engaged with this movement and that through local ambassadors and advocates it would be possible to see real cultural changes that could begin to close those inequalities gaps.

Members of the Committee were asked to offer their pro-active support in ensuring active travel remained on the agenda, that further work was undertaken to understand any barriers to access and that there remained a shared awareness that in order to truly be a Marmot City Region, then both universal and targeting interventions would need to be delivered.

Ian Tierney, Charity Director, Cycling Projects took Members through a presentation regarding the project's ambition and delivery. Greater Manchester was fortunate to have one inclusive cycling hub in each Local Authority, however there was room for further growth in that they were open on average 2 days per week. The pandemic had brought an opportunity to expand the offer wider than the hubs and the project had launched 'Bike Buddies' in order to support other disability services. Other Combined Authorities were delivering some innovative schemes including a bike loan scheme in the West Midlands and it was hoped that as the country came out of lockdown there would be an opportunity to raise the profile of the work of Cycling Projects and use the hubs as an inspiration to improve the GM offer.

Members urged that more work was undertaken with parents to promote active travel, not only to and from the school grounds but also to inspire their children to chose sustainable travel options. Officers agreed that this should be a key area of focus post pandemic, and

that further support on this agenda would be welcomed from the Committee.

In relation to Government's proposals to level up areas across the UK, members were keen for this to be understood as more than just from an economic perspective and that levelling up health inequalities should be one of the key objectives of the forthcoming White Paper. Funding criteria that was based on such determinants would also be welcomed to ensure that it was fully embedded into the post pandemic recovery phase. Officers agreed that now such data was available at a neighbourhood level, brave action based on this data was needed to ensure that the right interventions could be prioritised. It was hoped that one way this could be furthered would be by having GM Population Health as a key investor in the GM Moving initiative.

Resolved /-

1. That the contents of the report and the presentation by Cycling Projects be noted.
2. That it be agreed to report on increasing active travel amongst the over 50's and scheme to promote walking to school at future meetings of the Committee.
3. That the invitation for committee members to help shape future GM Moving priorities around active travel as part of the GM Moving Strategy Refresh be noted.
4. That it be noted that feedback is welcomed from members on opportunities and ways to help further grow the movement and the diversity of the movement and to usefully share the learnings to support other areas of work.

GMTC 42/21 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING NETWORK

Megan Black, Head of Logistics & Environment, TfGM took the Committee through a report that gave Members the opportunity to endorse the Greater Manchester Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy, a sub-strategy of the Greater Manchester 2040 Transport Strategy. It was recognised that EV infrastructure could be a barrier to cultural change and therefore TfGM, in conjunction with each GM Local Authority had developed a programme of planned infrastructure growth to support the use of electric vehicles. The new website gave further details and could be used to support local consultations and engagement - <https://electrictravel.tfgm.com/>

Members of the Committee were keen to ensure that withing these infrastructure development proposals that the pedestrian remained the priority to allow them free movement across pavements etc. Concerns were raised specifically regarding high density terraced areas where road space was already at a premium and a parking space to charge your vehicle outside your property could not be guaranteed. To mitigate any impacts to local cohesion, Members suggested that the public charging infrastructure would need to be less expensive than charging at home, ensuring that chosen charging locations were sensible, flexible and proper use could be enforced. Officers confirmed that there was significant work being undertaken with Local Authorities to determine accessible points for terraced communities or other high density areas. This was ongoing in addition to the evolution of Electric Vehicle Car Clubs and the development of Community Charge Hubs, aspiring to offer a wide range of options to EV car users.

Further to this, Members felt that providing charging facilities at community facilities (ie. Leisure centres, council carparks) would be a contributing factor as to whether people

would choose to visit in the future. However, there were significant concerns as to how such facilities could be managed and their proper use enforced as this was likely to become a further cost pressure to Local Authorities.

In relation to the provision of EV charging points at fuel stations, Members felt that there should now be some legislative obligation to promote these more effectively, as most were unknown to the public, resulting in a false perception of the lack of local charging points. Any wider expansion should also be Government funded as part of their CO2 reduction aspirations, as Members felt that these additional costs should not ultimately fall to Local Authorities. Officers confirmed that this Strategy would enable a framework of charging points to be put in place once the required funding had been received and residents had the confidence to move to EV.

Members reported that there had been a recent planning application made for a depot for 650 vans in Kingsway Park which would be an ideal target market for EV, however investigations had highlighted that the local grid capacity would not be suitable to charge such a high volume of vehicles. Therefore, the energy infrastructure was creating another barrier to delivering such a change in the commercial sector. Officer informed the Committee that work was underway with Energy North West to increase their capacity through their next planning rounds as currently there were clearly limits to provision.

Resolved /-

1. That the Greater Manchester Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy be endorsed.
2. That it be noted that the programme of planned publicly funded additional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure is outlined at electrictravel.tfgm.com, a sub-site of TfGM.com.

GMTC 43/21 NETWORK PERFORMANCE REPORT

Peter Boulton, Head of Highways TfGM introduced the latest transport network performance report that showed high performance of the network throughout June 2021 despite reduced capacity across all public transport modes. There had been an increase of 5.2% on trips made compared to the previous month, which was now only 3% below levels reported in 2019.

TfGM and partners had begun to deliver their recovery campaigns to increase public confidence in returning back to the network. Metrolink would also be increasing its frequency to 6 minute services from September 2021.

Members reported their concerns regarding an increase in anti-social behaviour and assaults on the Metrolink system, including windows being smashed and drivers being assaulted. The question of providing body cams to those operatives who request one was raised, it was confirmed that the spike in assaults had been reported to GMP and the issue of bodycams would be directly raised with KAM. In respect of the increase of ASB, officers were aware of recent reports especially in relation to the use of missiles and were working with TravelSafe officers to provide targeted interventions, in addition to further work with KAM to reduce the opportunities for perpetrators to get track-side. Members urged for more reassurance work to be done to ensure passengers felt safe when using the network as police presence was perceived to be minimal.

Further to this, Members also reported and increase in ASB incidents at Bus Stations, particularly cases of harassment at Bury Interchange. Perhaps unrelated, there had been a significant increase in people walking in and out of the town centre, and a further breakdown of this data was requested. Officers confirmed that there had been some additional staff deployed to hotspot areas and a number of persistent offenders had been identified and charged in some cases.

In relation to capacity issues, Members were concerned that there had already been high levels of patronage on match days on the Altrincham Metrolink line and had noted that there had been an increase in car sales, further evidencing that some people will choose to remain away from public transport especially if capacity is perceived to be an issue. It was hoped that the reassurance campaign planned for September would allay some of these concerns and build up public confidence in returning to the network.

Resolved /-

1. That the report be noted.
2. That GMP be invited to a future meeting of the Committee to update members as to how increased levels of ASB on the public transport network, in particular on the Metrolink system will be addressed.
3. That the request for the consideration of bodycams for Metrolink drivers be raised directly with KAM.
4. That the relevant data behind the increase of walking and ASB levels in Bury be shared directly with Cllr Peel.

GMTC 44/21 GM TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Members were given the opportunity to review the forthcoming work programme for the Committee.

Resolved /-

That the Committee's Work Programme be noted.

GMTC 45/21 DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved /-

That the following dates and times of future meetings be approved –

Metrolink & Rail	17.09.21
Bus	01.10.21
Full	15.10.21
Metrolink & Rail	12.11.21
Bus	19.11.21
Full	10.12.21
Metrolink & Rail	14.01.22

Bus	21.01.22
Full	18.02.22
Metrolink & Rail	11.03.22
Bus	18.03.22

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD ON FRIDAY 25 JUNE 2021 AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE, WIGAN**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor	Baroness Bev Hughes
Police, Crime & Fire	
Bolton	Councillor Martin Cox
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	Councillor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Elise Wilson
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wigan	Councillor Nazia Rehman
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA - Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bury	Lynne Risdale
Oldham	Helen Lockwood
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Tom Stannard
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Steve Wilson
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward
GMCA	James Killin
TfGM	Simon Warburton

GMCA 104/21 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED /-

That apologies be received and noted from Councillor David Greenhalgh (Councillor Martin Cox attending), Carolyn Wilkins (Helen Lockwood attending) and Geoff Little (Lynne Risdale attending).

GMCA 105/21 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR TO THE GMCA - 2021/22

RESOLVED /-

That it be noted that Andy Burnham, as the GM Mayor, under part 5A, Section 4 of the GMCA Constitution is the Chair of the GMCA (ex-officio).

GMCA 106/21 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRS - 2021/22

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that Councillor Richard Leese Deputy Mayor, is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.
2. That it be noted that Councillor David Greenhalgh is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.
3. That the appointment of Councillor Brenda Warrington as a Vice Chair, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution be agreed.

GMCA 107/21 GREATER MANCHESTER APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS - 2021/22

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham presented a series of appointments to be considered by the GMCA.

RESOLVED /-

1. That Julie Connor, Assistant Director, Governance & Scrutiny be appointed as the Secretary of the GMCA.
2. That the Mayor’s and Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, appointments to Portfolios for 2021/22 be noted as follows:

Portfolio	Lead Member	Lead Chief Executive
Safe & Strong Communities (Police and Fire)	Bev Hughes (GMCA)	Carolyn Wilkins (Oldham)
Green City Region	Neil Emmott (Rochdale)	Pam Smith (Stockport)
Economy & Business	Elise Wilson (Stockport)	Joanne Roney (Manchester)
Housing, Homelessness & Infrastructure	Paul Dennett (Salford)	Steve Rumbelow (Rochdale)
Resources &	David Molyneux (Wigan)	Steve Wilson (GMCA)

Investment		
Equalities	Brenda Warrington (Tameside)	Pam Smith (Stockport)
Policy & Reform, Transport	Andy Burnham (GMCA)	Eamonn Boylan (GMCA) – Policy & Transport Tony Oakman (Bolton) - Reform
Digital, Clean Air	Andrew Western (Trafford)	Sara Todd (Trafford)
Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships	Andrew Western (Trafford)	Tom Stannard (Salford)
Young People & Cohesion	Eamonn O’Brien (Bury)	Geoff Little (Bury)
Culture	David Greenhalgh (Bolton)	Alison McKenzie-Folan (Wigan)
Healthy Lives & Quality Care	Sir Richard Leese (Manchester)	Steven Pleasant (Tameside)
Community, Co-operatives & Inclusion	Arooj Shah (Rochdale)	Carolyn Wilkins (Oldham) Andrew Lightfoot (GMCA)

3. That it be noted that specific Portfolio Assistants would not be appointed and that Leaders may, if they so wish, appoint a Greater Manchester Local Authority Councillor to act as a Portfolio Assistant, under the Constitution, to assist with the delivery of their portfolio.
4. That the appointments by GM Local Authorities of members and substitute members to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority for 2021/22 be noted as below. That it also be noted that all substitute members will be invited to attend meetings of the GMCA, to be able to speak but not vote (unless acting in the absence of their member) as provided for in the constitution.

District	Member	Substitute Member
GMCA	Andy Burnham	
Bolton	David Greenhalgh (Con)	Martyn Cox Con
Bury	Eamonn O’Brien (Lab)	Andrea Simpson (Lab)
Manchester	Richard Leese (Lab)	Bev Craig (Lab)
Oldham	Arooj Shah(Lab)	Amanda Chadderton (Lab)
Rochdale	Neil Emmott (Lab)	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
Stockport	Elise Wilson (Lab)	Tom McGee (Lab)
Tameside	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	Bill Fairfoull (Lab)
Trafford	Andrew Western (Lab)	Catherine Hynes (Lab)
Wigan	David Molyneux (Lab)	Nazia Rehman (Lab)

5. That the appointment of the following GMCA members (**4 Labour & 1 Conservative**) to the GMCA Standards Committee for 2021/22 be approved as follows:

David Greenhalgh (Bolton) (Con)
 Paul Dennett (Salford) (Lab)
 Elise Wilson (Stockport) (Lab)
 Andrew Western (Trafford) (Lab)
 Brenda Warrington (Tameside) (Lab)

6. That the extension of the appointment Geoff Linnell, Co-opted Independent Member, to act as the Chair of the Standards Committee and Nicole Jackson, Independent Person, to assist the Monitoring Officer and Hearing Panel in dealing with allegations that members of the GMCA have acted in breach of the GMCA's Code of Conduct, to 30 November 2021 be approved, during which time a recruitment exercise will be undertaken.

7. That the appointment of the following GMCA members **(6 Labour & 1 Conservative)** to the GMCA Resources Committee for 2021/22 be approved as follows:

Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham (Lab)
 David Greenhalgh (Bolton) (Con)
 Richard Leese (Manchester) (Lab)
 Elise Wilson (Stockport) (Lab)
 Paul Dennett (Salford) (Lab)
 Brenda Warrington (Tameside) (Lab)
 David Molyneux (Wigan) (Lab)

8. That the appointment of the following members five members to the GMCA Audit Committee **(4 members - 3 Labour & 1 Conservative) and 2 substitute members)** for 2021/22 be approved as follows:

1	Bury	Mary Whitby	Lab
2	Oldham	Colin McLaren	Lab
3	Manchester	Sarah Russell	Lab
4	Trafford	Chris Boyes	Con
Substitute Members			
5	Salford	Tracy Kelly	Lab
6	Wigan	Joanne Marshall	Lab

9. That it be noted that the GMCA has previously agreed to extend the appointment of Gwyn Griffiths and Catherine Scivier as Independent members of the GMCA's Audit Committee for a further 3-year term of office, terminating on 30th June 2023.

10. That the final appointments to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committees for 2021/22 be agreed as follows:

CORPORATE ISSUES & REFORM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY		
1	Bolton	Samuel Rimmer (Con)
2 3	Bury	TBC (Lab) Tim Pickstone (Lib Dem)
4	Manchester	TBC (Lab)
5 6	Oldham	Colin McClaren (Lab) TBC (Lab)
7	Rochdale	Kallum Nolan (Lab)
8 9	Salford	Gina Reynolds (Lab) TBC (Lab)
10 11	Stockport	Wendy Wild (Lab) John McGahan (Con)
12	Tameside	Teresa Smith (Lab)
13 14	Trafford	Jill Axford (Lab) Nathan Evans (Cons)
15	Wigan	Joanne Marshall (Lab)

ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH & SKILLS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY		
1 2	Bolton	Andrea Finney (Con) Susan Howarth (Lab)
3	Bury	Mary Whitby (Lab)
4 5	Manchester	Greg Stanton (Lab) TBC (Lab)
6	Oldham	George Hulme (Lab)
7 8	Rochdale	Ray Dutton (Lab) Mike Holly (Con)

9	Salford	Jim King (Lab)
10 11	Stockport	Kate Butler (Lab) Becky Senior (Lib Dem)
12	Tameside	Stephen Homer (Lab)
13	Trafford	Barry Brotherton (Lab)
14 15	Wigan	Charles Rigby (Lab) Michael Winstanley (Con)

**HOUSING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY**

1	Bolton	John Walsh (Con)
2	Bury	Martin Hayes (Lab)
3 4	Manchester	Mandie Shilton-Godwin (Lab) TBC (Lab)
5	Oldham	Barbara Brownridge (Lab)
6 7	Rochdale	Linda Robinson (Lab) Kathleen Nickson (Con)
8	Salford	Stuart Dickman (Lab)
9 10	Stockport	Janet Mobbs (Lab) Colin MacAlister (Lib Dem)
11 12	Tameside	Mike Glover (Lab) Liam Billington (Con)
13 14	Trafford	Kevin Procter (Lab) Akilah Akinola (Lab)
15	Wigan	Fred Walker (Lab)

11. That it be agreed to appoint the following members to the GMCA Scrutiny Substitute Pool.

	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIB DEM	IND
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Bolton	Akhtar Zaman	Stuart Hartigan	n/a	n/a
Bury	TBC	TBC	n/a	n/a
Manchester	n/a	n/a	TBC	n/a
Oldham	n/a	n/a	Hazel Gloster Sam Al-Hamdani	n/a
Rochdale	Tom Besford	n/a	n/a	n/a
Salford	n/a	Ari Leitner Karen Garrido	n/a	n/a
Stockport	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tameside	Adrian Pearce	Ruth Welsh	n/a	n/a
Trafford	n/a	Mussadak Mirza	n/a	n/a
Wigan	Debra Wailes	n/a	n/a	Paul Maiden

12. That the appointment to the Greater Manchester Waste & Recycling Committee (11 Labour, 3 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat), from the nominations received from the GM Local Authorities, for 2021/22 be approved as follows:

District	Member
Bolton	Adele Warren (Con)
Bury	Allan Quinn (Lab)
Manchester	Tracey Rawlins (Lab) Shaukat Ali (Lab)
Oldham	Peter Davis (Lab) Mohammed Alyas (Lab)
Rochdale	Wendy Cocks (Lab) Terry Smith (Lab)
Salford	David Lancaster (Lab) Robin Garrido (Con)
Stockport	Roy Driver (Lab) Helen Foster-Grime (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Allison Gwynne (Lab)
Trafford	Stephen Adshead (Lab) Dylan Butt (Con)
Wigan	NA

13. That it be noted that the appointment of the Chair of the GM Waste & Recycling Committee will be made at the GMCA meeting in July, on the recommendation of the GM Waste & Recycling Committee.

14. That the appointments to the GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Committee for 2021/22 be agreed as follows:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Hilary Fairclough (Con)	To be confirmed
Bury	Charlotte Morris (Lab)	Richard Gold (Lab)
Manchester	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Oldham	Norman Briggs (Lab)	To be confirmed
Rochdale	Janet Emsley (Lab)	Susan Smith (Lab)
Salford	Stephen Coen (Lab)	David Lancaster (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Leanne Feeley (Lab)	Mike Smith (Lab)
Trafford	Liz Patel (Lab)	Mike Freeman(Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)

15. That Councillor Andrew Western, as the Portfolio Lead for Skills, Employment & Apprenticeships, be appointed to the Skills and Employment Partnership for 2021/22.
16. That the appointment of ten members to the Skills and Employment Executive be agreed as follows:

District	Member
Bolton	Martyn Cox (Con)
Bury	Tamoor Tariq (Lab)
Manchester	To be confirmed
Oldham	Shaid Mushtaq (Lab)
Rochdale	John Blundell (Lab)
Salford	Philip Cusack (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed
Tameside	Ged Cooney (Lab)
Trafford	Mike Freeman (Lab)
Wigan	Dane Anderton (Lab)

17. That the appointments by the GM Local Authorities to the Health and Care Board for 2021/22 be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Susan Baines (Con)	Andrew Morgan (Con)
Bury	Andrea Simpson (Lab)	To be confirmed
Manchester	Richard Leese (Lab)	Bev Craig (Lab)
Oldham	Zahid Chauhan (Lab)	Arooj Shah (Lab)
Rochdale	Daalat Ali (Lab)	Shah Wazir (Lab)
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	Bill Fairfoull (Lab)
Trafford	Andrew Western (Lab)	Jane Slater (Lab)
Wigan	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)	James Moodie (Lab)

18. That the appointments by the GM Local Authorities to the Joint Health Commissioning Board for 2021/22 be noted as below and that those appointed to be requested to appoint their own substitute.

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Andrew Morgan (Con)	Anne Galloway (Con)
Bury	Andrea Simpson (Lab)	To be confirmed
Manchester	Bev Craig (Lab)	To be confirmed
Oldham	Zahid Chauhan (Lab)	To be confirmed
Rochdale	Daalat Ali (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	John Merry (Lab)	Damien Bailey (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	To be confirmed
Trafford	Jane Slater (Lab)	Andrew Western (Lab)
Wigan	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)	David Molyneux (Lab)

19. That the appointments to the GM Transport Committee, as agreed by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2021/22, be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Stuart Haslam (Con)	Stuart Hartigan (Con)
Bury	Kevin Peel (Lab)	Nathan Baroda (Lab)
Manchester	Emma Taylor (Lab)	Julie Connolly (Lab)
	Naeem Hassan (Lab)	John Farrell (Lab)
Oldham	Norman Briggs (Lab)	To be confirmed
Rochdale	Phil Burke (Lab)	Susan Emmott (Lab)
Salford	Roger Jones (Lab)	Mike McCusker (Lab)
Stockport	David Mellor (Lab)	Angie Clark (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Warren Bray (Lab)	To be confirmed
Trafford	Stephen Adshead (Lab)	James Wright (Lab)
Wigan	Joanne Marshal (Lab)	Paul Prescott (Lab)

20. That it be noted that the GM Mayor is a member of the GM Transport Committee and that Brenda Warrington, Leader of Tameside Council, be appointed to act as the Mayor's substitute member on the GM Transport Committee.
21. That it be agreed that Andrew Western, Leader of Trafford Council, be appointed as the GMCA member to the GM Transport Committee, and that Eamonn O'Brien, Leader of Bury Council, be appointed to act as the GMCA substitute member to the GM Transport Committee.
22. That the GM Mayor's appointments to the Transport Committee, ensuring that each district is represented and there is political balance of the Committee, be noted as follows:

Labour Appointments (5):

Mohammed Auyub (Bolton)

Shah Wazir (Rochdale)
Barry Warner (Salford)
Elise Wilson (Stockport)
Mark Aldred (Wigan)

Substitute Labour Appointments:

Tom McGee (Salford)
To be confirmed

Conservative Appointments (3):

Doreen Dickinson (Tameside)
Nathan Evans (Trafford)
Jackie Harris (Bury)

Substitute Conservative Members (3):

Linda Holt (Stockport)
Adam Marsh (Wigan)
To be confirmed

Liberal Democrat Members (2):

Howard Sykes (Oldham)
John Leech (Manchester)

Substitute Liberal Democrat Members (2):

Angie Clark (Stockport)

23. That it be noted that the GM Transport Committee shall select and recommend the appointment of a Chair by the GM Mayor.
24. That Councillor Neil Emmott, Leader of Rochdale Council, be appointed as the GMCA Green-City Region Portfolio Lead to the GM Green City Region Partnership Board for 2021/22.
25. That the appointments to the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee, as agreed by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2021/22, be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Adele Warren (Con)	Anne Galloway (Con)
Bury	Alan Quinn (Lab)	Nathan Boroda (Lab)
Manchester	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Oldham	Amanda Chadderton (Lab)	Steve Williams (Lab)
Rochdale	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Alison Gwynne (Lab)	Laura Boyle (Lab)
Trafford	Stephen Adshead (Lab)	Jane Slater (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Joanne Marshall (Lab)

26. That the appointments to the Air Quality Administration Committee, as agreed by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2021/22, be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Adele Warren (Con)	Anne Galloway (Con)
Bury	Alan Quinn (Lab)	Nathan Boroda (Lab)
Manchester	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Oldham	Amanda Chadderton (Lab)	Steve Williams (Lab)
Rochdale	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Alison Gwynne (Lab)	Laura Boyle
Trafford	Stephen Adshead (Lab)	Jane Slater (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Joanne Marshall (Lab)

27. That the appointment Andrew Western, of the Portfolio Lead for Clean Air, to the Air Quality Administration Committee be noted.
28. That the appointment to the Places for Everyone Joint Committee, as agreed by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2021/22, be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Toby Hewitt (Con)	Martyn Cox (Con)
Bury	Eamonn O'Brien (Lab)	To be confirmed
Manchester	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Oldham	Arooj Shah (Lab)	Hannah Roberts (Lab)
Rochdale	Neil Emmott (Lab)	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
Stockport	N/A	N/A
Tameside	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	Ged Cooney (Lab)
Trafford	Andrew Western (Lab)	James Wright (Lab)
Wigan	David Molyneux (Lab)	Paul Prescott (Lab)

29. That the appointment of 5 members (**4 Labour and 1 Conservative**) to the Board of Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Limited to the Greater Manchester Transport Committee for 2021/22 be delegated to the GM Transport Committee.
30. That the appointment of the following members to the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership for 2021/22 be approved:

Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham

Richard Leese (Manchester) (Lab)
Brenda Warrington (Tameside) (Lab)
Elise Wilson (Stockport) (Lab)

31. That the appointment of the following members to the Manchester Growth Company Board for 2021/22 be approved:

Elise Wilson (Stockport)
Paul Dennett (Salford)
Martyn Cox (Bolton)
Arooj Shah (Oldham)
Leanne Feeley (Tameside)

32. That the appointment of the GM Mayor to the Transport for the North Board for 2021/22 be noted.

33. That Councillor Mark Aldred be appointed as the substitute member of the TfN Board for 2021/22.

34. That Roger Jones (Salford) and Philip Massey (Rochdale) be appointed to the TfN Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22.

35. That the appointment of the following members to the Greater Manchester European Structural Fund (European Programmes) Local Management Committee for 2021/22 be approved:

Andrew Western (Skills & Employment),
David Molyneux (Resource & Investment) Finance)
Elise Wilson (Economy)
Keith Cunliffe (Wigan)
To be confirmed

36. That subject to any further changes the GMCA may wish to make, all appointments to made up to the GMCA Annual Meeting in June 2022

GMCA 108/21 REVIEW OF GMCA CONSTITUTION

The Monitoring Officer to the GMCA, Liz Treacy, took members through the key amendments to the constitution for approval.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the revised constitution accompanying this report, as the Constitution, of the GMCA be adopted.
2. That it be noted that the discharge of mayoral functions and the delegation of such responsibilities rests with the Mayor, and that the delegation of mayoral functions (and the arrangements in relation to such) set out in this constitution are for the information of the GMCA only.

3. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any changes of a typographical nature to the Constitution.

GMCA 109/21 SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES - 2021/22

RESOLVED /-

That the proposed meeting dates be agreed as below -

Friday 30 July 2021
August – to be confirmed
Friday 24 September 2021
Friday 29 October 2021
Friday 26 November 2021
Friday 17 December 2021
Friday 28 January 2022
*Friday 11 February 2022 (budget meeting)
Friday 25 March 2022
April - Recess
Friday 27 May 2022
Friday 24 June 2022

GMCA 110/21 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham expressed his concern over the recent travel ban imposed by the Scottish Government to residents from certain areas of Greater Manchester with no prior notice. The issue had caused significant distress to those residents affected and the way it had been handled was of concern to the Mayor, not least in that the current system gave no ability to anticipate such bans.

The Dutchee of Lancaster, Sir Michael Gove had invited the Mayor to join a meeting of Ministers and First Ministers to discuss the details of the Scottish Policy at which he planned to seek clarity as to the exit strategy from such restrictions and determine how to ensure that there is prior notification of any such future bans to allow Local Authorities to advise their own residents accordingly.

Specifically, the GM Mayor would also be questioning the rationale for retaining the ban on residents from Bolton when their case numbers had fallen below many other areas in the UK where the ban was not in place, resulting in an inconsistent policy.

Members of the GMCA endorsed the proposed challenge, and appreciated the opportunity created by which the Mayor could have these conversations on behalf of the residents of Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that the GM Mayor had been invited by the Dutchee of Lancaster to attend the UK meeting of Ministers and First Ministers to discuss the recently imposed travel ban of some GM residents (specifically those living in Bolton, Manchester and Salford) to Scotland.

2. That it be noted that the GM Mayor has requested that the Scottish Policy be published providing detail of the operating framework, including an exit strategy from restrictions, together with the establishment of a protocol to provide prior notification to those Local Authorities directly impacted.
3. That the GMCA endorse the proposal from the GM Mayor calling for the Scottish Government to release Bolton from the list of areas included in their current ban immediately, as their covid rate had significantly reduced.

GMCA 111/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

1. That Councillor Brenda Warrington declared an interest in relation to item 27 on the agenda, as a Board Member of the GM Pension Fund.
2. That Councillor Elise Wilson declared an interest in relation to items 14 and 24 as a Board Member of the Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation.

GMCA 112/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2021

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 28 May 2021 be approved.

GMCA 113/21 GREATER MANCHESTER INDEPENDENT INEQUALITIES COMMISSION

Councillor Brenda Warrington, Portfolio Lead for Age Friendly Greater Manchester and Equalities took the Combined Authority through a report which provided an update on the roll-out of the ‘Good lives for all’ report of the Greater Manchester Independent Inequalities Commission, following its launch on 26th March 2021. Recent activities had included engagement with key stakeholders, equalities panels and partnerships to carry out a sense check and gauge initial feedback to the report and its recommendations.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the roll-out activity of the Commission report and the early feedback received be noted.
2. That that Local Authorities and Greater Manchester agencies be requested to share their current activities and plans in response to the Independent Inequalities Commission, to further inform the Greater Manchester development of next steps and actions.
3. That it be agreed to undertake a review of the membership of the Tackling Inequalities Board to ensure effective representation across districts and GM structures.

4. That an in-principle allocation of up to £250,000 to further develop and implement actions arising from the Commission's recommendations be agreed.

GMCA 114/21

CLEAN AIR PLAN UPDATE

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead for Clean Air introduced a report which set out the proposed Greater Manchester final Clean Air Plan and policy following a review of all of the information gathered through the GM CAP consultation, evidence and modelling work. The report sought endorsement of the proposed plan, before it was to be considered by each of the GM Local Authorities.

The final proposals had been carefully considered and adjusted in response to an in-depth analysis of the recent consultation undertaken by TfGM, with specific focus on how it would impact the lives of local residents. As a result, the final proposals had been amended and did not include a charge to private vehicles.

However, the Clean Air Zone needed to be looked at through the lens of the universally acknowledged damage caused by nitro-oxides, contributing to over 12,000 deaths per year in Greater Manchester. Members of the Combined Authority reiterated that it was their moral obligation to address this issue and ensure no communities were adversely affected by poor air quality. However, they were also mindful of the challenging times for businesses during the recovery phase from the pandemic and therefore the timings of any policy changes needed to be carefully managed.

There had been a further £120m of funds approved by Government (in addition to the Hardship Fund) which was recognised by the Combined Authority as key to supporting businesses through this transition. This would allow for up to £5k to retrofit taxis and LGVs, and up to £16k to retrofit buses, coaches and HGVs to ensure that they met a Euro 6 standard.

The scheme would come into practice for HGVs and buses from 30 May 2022 to give time for other non-compliant vehicles to transition to a cleaner fleet before the scheme also was applied to taxis, coaches and LGVs. It was recognised that there could be a shortage of compliant vehicles, therefore retrofitting current fleet was a more welcomed approach than complete replacements. Taxis would also need to be registered within GM to be eligible for this support package, which was one of a range of measures detailed in the report.

The GM Mayor added that any changes would be fair and work well for everyone, however, was aware that there would inevitably be some further challenges along the way. Ultimately the health inequalities caused by poor air, often to the poorest communities could no longer be tolerated and the GMCA needed to take action.

Councillor Brenda Warrington, Leader of Tameside Council thanked Cllr Andrew Western and the GM Mayor for negotiations with Government resulting in the inclusion of the A628/A57 Mottram in the Clean Air Zone, the first time any piece of the strategic road network had been included as it was recognised that this would make a significant difference to the health of people in those communities. In regard to this, Members of the GMCA made a wider plea to Government that areas along any motorway network should also be included in any future zones.

Members also welcomed the consideration given to the feedback from the taxi and trade industries and the changes made to the proposals as a result. It was clear that their

concerns had been well balanced with the health inequality concerns and a desire to protect their businesses.

It was recognised that as a result of the Clean Air Zone Greater Manchester would be in a better place, however it needed to remain ambitious in its air quality agenda and ensure further infrastructure changes were delivered to ensure the implementation could be successful.

In summary the GM Mayor also welcomed the move from Highways England to include the strategic road network in the GM Clean Air Zone but reflected that this was a much wider issue as to the lack of accountability of the motorway network in regards to its contribution to poor air quality. It was hoped that in the meantime, vehicles would stick to the strategic road network and stop taking short cuts along smaller roads and through residential areas reducing the current levels of safety and congestion issues.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan be noted.
2. That the progress in the distribution of Bus Retrofit funding be noted.
3. That the Ministers' agreement to include the sections of the A628/A57, in Tameside, which form part of the Strategic Road Network within the Greater Manchester's Clean Air Zone (CAZ) be noted, including the request for Tameside MBC, TfGM and Highways England to establish the most appropriate solution for the charging mechanism to be applied on this section of the Strategic Road Network (SRN).
4. That the GM Clean Air Plan Policy, at Appendix 1 of the report be endorsed, noting the proposed implementation date of the Clean Air Zone is Monday 30 May 2022 and that this policy was to be agreed by the ten GM local authorities.
5. That the Equalities Impact Assessment, as set out at Appendix 2 of the report, be noted.
6. That the AECOM Consultation Report, as set out at Appendix 3 of the report, be noted.
7. That the proposed Response to the Consultation at Appendix 4, which has been prepared by TfGM on behalf of the ten GM local authorities be noted, and that it is to be agreed by the ten GM local authorities.
8. That the Impacts of COVID-19 Report, as set out at Appendix 5 of the report, be noted.
9. That the Modelling report of the final CAP package, as set out at Appendix 6 of the report, be noted, and in particular that the modelling outputs of the final plan scheme show the achievement of compliance with the legal limits for Nitrogen Dioxide in the shortest possible time and by 2024 at the latest as required by the Ministerial Direction.
10. That the economic implications of the CAP Report, as set out at Appendix 7 of the report, be noted.

11. That the update on the GM Minimum Licensing Standards, set out in section 3.1 of the report, be noted, and in particular that licensing conditions will not be used to support delivery of the GM Clean Air Plan.
12. That it be noted that the ten GM local authorities will be recommended to carry out a 6-week public consultation on the inclusion of motorhomes classified as MSP1 within the scope of Clean Air Zone charges and on the inclusion in the GM Clean Air Zone of the A575 and A580 at Worsley commencing on 1 September 2021.
13. That the reallocation of funding from the Try Before You Buy scheme to provide additional electric vehicles charging points dedicated for use by taxis be endorsed and that it be noted that it is to be agreed by the ten GM local authorities.
14. That it be noted that the GM Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee has the authority to make the Charging Scheme Order which establishes the GM Charging Scheme in line with the agreed GM Clean Air Plan Policy.
15. That it be noted that the ten GM local Authorities will be asked to delegate to the GM Charging Authorities Committee the authority to determine the outcome of the consultation on both the inclusion of motorhomes classified as MSP1 within the scope of Clean Air Zone charges and on the inclusion in the GM Clean Air Zone of the A575 and A580 at Worsley following the conclusion of that consultation.
16. That it be noted that the GM Charging Authorities Committee has the authority to vary the Charging Scheme Order if this is established as the most appropriate charging mechanism to be applied on sections of the A628/A57 part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in Tameside.
17. That it be noted that the Air Quality Administration Committee has the authority to agree the final form of the Operational Agreement for the Central Clean Air Service , and to authorise the making of the Agreement, on behalf of the ten GM local authorities.
18. That it be noted that the Air Quality Administration Committee has the authority to:
 - a. establish and distribute the funds set out in the agreed GM Clean Air Plan policy;
 - b. approve the assessment mechanism agreed with JAQU to ensure that Clean Air Funds can be adapted if necessary;
 - c. keep the use of the funds under review and to determine any changes in the amounts allocated to each and their use and
 - d. Monitor and evaluate the joint local charging scheme.
19. That authority be delegated to Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to approve the submission of the Interim Full Business Case if required and the Full Business Case (FBC) to the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit to support the GM Clean Air Plan and any supplementary information to that Unit.
20. That the Government be urged to include the motorway network within the remit for Clean Air Plans.

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham introduced a report which set out the progress that has been made on the development of a set of minimum licensing standards relating to taxi and private hire in Greater Manchester and outlined the timetable for consideration. It recognised the important role that taxis play in the GM transport system, their significant workforce size and the integral policy fit with Clean Air. Raising the standard of taxi provision would further build on GM's ambitions for a world class transport system.

The scheme has been consulted on, and consideration given to issues in relation to safety, driver training and vehicle standards and refined in line with the challenges identified by the trade. There were now two phases within the proposal, driver operation and LA standards was scheduled to be implemented from 21 July 2021 to ensure public safety was the number one priority. Phase two would focus on vehicle standards, emissions, age and ensuring vehicles were registered in GM and was scheduled to begin in September 2021. Alongside this phase would be the ability to access a proportion of £20m funding allocated to support the trade move to higher vehicle standards.

It was the Mayor's ambition to have one consistent taxi fleet, visibly registered to GM with a clear brand that would ensure residents were aware as to which vehicles had met the standards. It was anticipated that LA and driver standards would be completed by March 2022 and vehicle standards would be achieved by April 2023.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress of the Minimum Licensing Standards workstream be noted and the proposed approach and timeline be endorsed.
2. That the proposal to consider the final Standards recommendations in two stages; Stage 1 (Drivers, Operators and Local Authority) and Stage 2 (Vehicles) be noted.

GMCA 116/21 LIVING WITH COVID RESILIENCE PLAN - QUARTER 3 UPDATE

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham took Members through the Living with Covid Resilience Plan, Quarter 3 Update which provided an overview of the early stages of refreshing the Greater Manchester Strategy, and how it was being shaped and informed by the development and delivery of the Living with Covid Resilience Plan. Information was also provided in the report on the extensive work underway to develop Greater Manchester's collective ability to evidence, target and more effectively respond to inequalities present, and how these approaches were being developed and embedded as future ways of working.

There seemed to be a greater sense of stability as Greater Manchester began its second year of response to the pandemic, with much of the initial emergency response now embedded into business as usual. The latest spike in cases in Bolton was a reminder that every borough needed to remain agile to ensure it could respond promptly.

It was clear that there would be some further challenges, particularly as the furlough scheme ended and as a result of no-fault evictions recently having been reinstated. Many people were still reporting uncertainties in relation to their economic position, and this was reflected in the resident survey findings contained within the report.

The new refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy, planned to be presented to the GMCA in the Autumn and would build on elements contained within the Covid Resilience Plan.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the overall update on the system developments in response to the ongoing pandemic be noted.
2. That the proposed approach, work to date and further development in refreshing the Greater Manchester Strategy be noted.
3. That the overall progress being made to develop new mechanisms and ways of working to better understand and respond to inequalities be noted.
4. That the progress and development of activity being delivered to support attainment of the deliverables in the Living with Covid Resilience Plan be noted.
5. That it be noted that the refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy would be submitted to the GMCA in the Autumn 2021.

GMCA 117/21 STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MDC) DELIVERY PLAN 2021-2026

The GM Mayor Andy Burnham introduced a report which sought approval from the GMCA for the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Strategic Business Plan 2021-2026 and the Annual Action Plan which set out more detail on the commercially sensitive activities the MDC would undertake over the course of 2021 / 2022 to deliver the objectives in the full plan.

This was an exciting piece of work with national implications as a unique example of using mayoral powers to level up a town centre in a more creative and diverse way, bringing significant regeneration through an ambitious masterplan including housing, living spaces, transport and retail. The scheme had a real inspiring vision, and benefits could already be seen across the town.

Councillor Elise Wilson, Leader of Stockport Council added that in the midst of a national planning debate this scheme was an excellent example of forward thinking that would allow the town centre to be re-shaped in line with Stockport Council's values and proactively support the revival of the high-street. St Thomas' site, currently a brownfield site in disrepair would offer a range of housing options, which would all be affordable. There was already immense pride for the work of the Mayoral Development Corporation which it was clear had the ability to start to level up Stockport town centre and the district as a whole.

The GMCA recognised the MDC as a strong example of effective collaboration and commitment to support Stockport in attaining its new homes target of 1093 per year through the devolution offered through the use of these mayoral powers. The MDC was a key enabler for towns in the north as they often had viability challenges, and this initiative could become a template for how to turn around other town centres within Greater Manchester. Thanks were expressed to the leadership at Stockport Council for their pursuit of this opportunity and to Lord Kerslake for chairing the MDC and achieving such significant progress to date.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Strategic Business Plan May 2021 – March 2026 (Appendix A) be approved.
2. That the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Action Plan May 2021 – March 2022 (Appendix B) be approved.

GMCA 118/21 GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND - INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure introduced a report which sought the Combined Authority's approval to the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans from FSG (Kara) Projects Ltd for 66 new homes, and to Newpark Gables LTD where planning permission had already been granted. It further sought approval for equity investment to City Heart LTD and Rise Homes LTD for 196 apartments as part of the new Stockport Interchange development. £5m had been previously agreed, but this was an increase of investment to £9.3m which was now seeking approval following adaptations to its building quality and design.

RESOLVED /-

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

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
FSG (Kara) Projects Ltd	Kara Street, Seedley	Salford	£5.126m
Newpark Gables Ltd	7 Old Hall Road	Salford	£1.455m

2. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund equity investment detailed in the table below, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report be approved:

DEVELOPER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	EQUITY
Cityheart Ltd and Rise Homes Ltd	Stockport Interchange	Stockport	£9.300m

3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

GMCA 119/21 UTILISATION OF GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND AND EVERGREEN FUND SURPLUSES AND INCLUSION OF BROWNFIELD HOUSING FUND SITE

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure took Members through a report which sought approval to utilise some of the surpluses generated from the continued investment of the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund and Evergreen Fund to create three posts within the GMCA and provide grant funding to individual Districts to bring forward development proposals across GM. The report also sought approval for the inclusion of an additional site to be awarded a Brownfield Housing Fund grant.

The three posts within the GMCA would be for a Transaction Manager, a Strategic Planner and a Quantity Surveyor to support the fund, and further grant funding to each GM Local Authority to bring forward development proposals for schemes and also broader growth proposals.

The additional brownfield site proposed for funding through the Brownfield Housing Fund Grant was at Northern Gateway, Gould St in Manchester. Councillor Richard Leese, Leader of Manchester City Council added that this scheme would offer a range of housing options and be a key contributor to achieving Greater Manchester's housing ambitions. It would include 22 new units, some of which would be carbon negative.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the acceptance of £3m of Evergreen Surpluses from the Evergreen Holdings Fund Board be approved.
2. That the proposal to enter Grant Funding Agreements with each of the 10 GM Districts to allocate revenue funding, as outlined within the report. Be approved.
3. That the creation of additional required roles be approved with formal appointment of relevant posts to be referred to the Resources Committee.
4. That the allocation of £2.125m of Brownfield Housing Fund grant monies, as set out in Section 4 of the report, be approved.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to agree the final terms of all the necessary agreements.

GMCA 120/21 THE MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham set out the schemes contained within the report which required approval in order to progress the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund Programme. Specifically, it sought approval for phase two of the Manchester Beswick Scheme and phase 1 of the GM Bike Hire Scheme that would offer a docked bike hire programme initially to the urban core of Manchester, Salford and Trafford.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the release of up to £0.573 million MCF funding for the Manchester Beswick Phase 2 scheme be approved, in order to secure full approval and enable the signing of the necessary legal agreements, as set out in section 2 of the report.
2. That the release of up to £11.88 million MCF funding for the Greater Manchester Bike Hire scheme (Phase 1) be approved, in order to secure full approval and enable the signing of the necessary legal contracts for the scheme, as set out in section 2 of the report (and approve TfGM entering into such contracts).
3. That it be noted that the 'Streets for All' report will be submitted to the GMCA in July 2021.

GMCA 121/21 LOCAL TRANSPORT GRANT AND POTHOLE CHALLENGE FUNDING

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham introduced a report which set out the final allocation of the devolved Local Transport Grant, which included funding for the Integrated Transport Block and Highways Maintenance Block and Incentive Element totalling £35.7m. The funding for 2021/22 was confirmed later than in previous years and was not received in time to be included in the 2021/22 budget approved by GMCA on 12th February 2021. The Government has also recently confirmed the allocation for the Pothole and Challenge Fund of £15.5m.

Members of the GMCA were disappointed by the recent Government announcement regarding the Highways Maintenance Fund, it was hoped that the share of this fund being returned to Local Authorities would go some way to mitigating against this budget deficit.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposed allocations for Highways funding to Districts and the proposed allocation of the Integrated Transport Block Funding for 2021/22 be approved.
2. That the update to the 2021/22 GMCA Capital Programme be approved.
3. That it be noted that the funding allocations for future years will be the subject of future reports to GMCA.

GMCA 122/21 MONTHLY ECONOMIC UPDATE

Councillor Elise Wilson, Portfolio Lead for Economy took Members through the latest Economic Resilience Dashboard, which had begun to indicate the impact of the lifting of some of the covid restrictions and the new relationship with the EU. Specifically it had highlighted the recruitment challenges for the tourism, manufacturing, health & social care, leisure and construction industries which would be observed over the next few months to understand the severity of the issues.

A recent report had highlighted Greater Manchester as the fastest growing technology city region in the EU, outside London which was a significant recognition for the conurbation.

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Leader of Bury Council reported that he and the GM Mayor had met with Capita regarding their proposed relocation of their site outside of Greater Manchester and the impact that it would have to the 500 employees who also live here. The conversations were welcomed, and a request was made that they look again at a working from home offer for their staff that would support their needs and also the wider GM economy. Thanks were also expressed to the ongoing support of the Communication Workers Union in this matter.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard be noted.
2. That it be noted that PROGRESS21 had been rescheduled and would now take place on 23 September 2021.

3. That it be noted that the GM Mayor and Leader of Bury Council had met with Capita regarding their proposed relocation of business from Bury to Preston-Brook, Runcorn, with a resulting loss over 500 jobs across GM. It was hoped that the meeting would have a positive impact on the discussions and that a positive outcome could be reported to the GMCA in July 2021.

GMCA 123/21 GMCA CAPITAL OUTTURN 2020/2021

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources introduced a report which informed Members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority of the capital outturn for 2020/21.

RESOLVED /-

That the 2020/21 actual outturn capital expenditure of £420.3 million compared to forecast for 2020/21 presented to GMCA on 12 February 2021 of £427.6 million be noted.

GMCA 124/21 GMCA PROVISIONAL REVENUE OUTTURN 2020/21

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources introduced a report which informed Members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority provisional revenue outturn for 2020/21.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that Mayoral General Budget provisional revenue outturn position for 2020/21 is breakeven after transfer to earmarked reserves.
2. That it be noted that the Mayoral General – GM Fire & Rescue provisional revenue outturn position for 2020/21 is an underspend of £477k after transfer to earmarked reserves. The underspend will be transferred to Fire General Fund.
3. That it be noted that the GMCA General Budget provisional revenue outturn position for 2020/21 is breakeven after transfer to earmarked reserves.
4. That it be noted that the Waste and Resourcing provisional revenue outturn position for 2020/21 is breakeven after transfers from earmarked reserves and agreed return of levy and reserves to Districts.
5. That it be noted that the GMCA Transport provisional revenue outturn position for 2020/21 is breakeven.
6. That it be noted that the TfGM provisional revenue outturn position for 2020/21 is breakeven.
7. That it be noted that the Government has extended the statutory deadline for the publication of the 2020-21 draft accounts by two months to 31st July 2021.

8. That it be noted that the final position is subject to the submission of the audited accounts to be finalised by 30th September 2021 and to be reported to the GMCA Audit Committee prior to the deadline.

GMCA 125/21 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources introduced a report which sought approval for an investment to The Modular Analytics Company Limited that would be made from recycled funds.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the funding application for The Modular Analytics Company Limited (investment of up to £750,000) be approved and progressed to due diligence.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above company, 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 investment noted above.

GMCA 126/21 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED /-

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

GMCA 127/21 STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MDC) DELIVERY PLAN 2021-2026

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 117/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 128/21 GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND - INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute GMCA 118/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 129/21 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute GMCA 125/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 130/21 BUS FRANCHISING - LAND ACQUISITION

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive of the GMCA & TfGM introduced a report which sought approval for the acquisition of land for the Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Scheme.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report be noted,
2. That the acquisition of land be approved for the purposes of the Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Scheme.
3. That the proposed increase in the capital programme be approved for the purposes of the acquisition of land for the Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Scheme.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to agree the final terms of all necessary agreements for the purchase of the land.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to complete and execute all necessary legal agreements.
6. That authority be delegated to TfGM to agree the best commercial terms in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer.

Signed by the Chair:

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD ON FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor Police, Crime & Fire	Baroness Bev Hughes
Bolton	Councillor Martin Cox
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	Councillor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Elise Wilson
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Deputy Monitoring Officer	Gwynne Williams
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Paul Lakin
Manchester	James Binks
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Neil Thornton
Salford	Charlotte Ramsden
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Sandra Stewart
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Steve Wilson
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward
TfGM	Simon Warburton
TfGM	Steve Warrener
GMP - Chief Constable	Stephen Watson
GMP – Asst Chief Constable	Terry Woods

GMCA 131/21 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED /-

That apologies be received and noted from Sir Richard Leese - Manchester (Cllr Bev Craig attending), Eamonn Boylan - GMCA, Joanne Roney - Manchester (James Binks attending),

Steven Pleasant - Tameside (Sandra Stewart attending), Geoff Little - Bury (Paul Lakin attending), Steve Rumbelow – Rochdale, (Neil Thornton attending) and Tony Oakman - Bolton (Sue Johnson attending).

GMCA 132/21 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, on behalf of the GMCA recognised the significant loss to Greater Manchester following the death of the former Leader of Wigan Council, Lord Peter Smith. He was an individual who had been at the heart of building GM over the past 30 years as an architect for devolution and his legacy would be felt for many years to come.

Since the last meeting of the GMCA, Bolton had appointed its new Leader, and Councillor Martyn Cox was welcomed to the Greater Manchester family. Harry Catherall had also been appointed as the new Chief Executive for Bolton Council and thanks were expressed to the outgoing Chief Executive Carolyn Wilkins for all her work for Greater Manchester, specifically in relation to the Counter Terrorism Strategy and the recent Covid-19 pandemic.

Finally, Sir Richard Leese had also made a public statement announcing that he would no longer be leader of Manchester City Council after 25 years of service. His 'leading from the front' style of leadership was clearly evident in how Manchester had hugely transformed over this period and it was acknowledged that the whole of Greater Manchester had grown significantly because of the strong foundation he has provided.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GMCA expressed their condolences following the sad passing of Lord Peter Smith, recognising his significant contribution to the growth of Greater Manchester, especially in relation to brokering conversations with Government regarding Devolution.
2. That Councillor Martyn Cox be welcomed as the new Leader of Bolton and subsequently Bolton's representative on the GMCA.
3. That Harry Catherall be welcomed to the GMCA, as the new Chief Executive for Oldham, and that the work undertaken by the previous Chief Executive, Carolyn Wilkins, for her contributions to GM over her term of office be recognised.
4. That the recent announcement by Sir Richard Leese advising that he would be standing down as the Leader of Manchester City Council after 25 years be noted, recognising his incredible record of service and 'leadership from the front' that had made Manchester the place that it was today.

GMCA 133/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

Andy Burnham declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to item 25 on the agenda.

GMCA 134/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2021

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 25 June 2021 be approved.

GMCA 135/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – JULY 2021

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the meetings of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committees held in July 2021 be noted as follows:

- Corporate Issues and Reform – 6 July 2021
- Economy, Business Growth and Skills – 9 July

GMCA 136/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE HELD 13 JULY 2021

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the GMCA Waste and Recycling Committee meeting held 13 July 2021 be noted.
2. That the appointment of Councillor Allison Gwynne as the Chair of the Waste & Recycling Committee for 2021/22 be agreed.

GMCA 137/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD 27 AUGUST 2021

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee held 27 August 2021 be noted.

GMCA 138/21 MINUTES OF THE GM TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD 18 JUNE & 20 AUGUST 2021

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the GM Transport Committee meetings held 18 June and 20 August 2021 be noted.
2. That the decision of the GM Mayor to approve the appointment of Councillor Mark Aldred, as Chair of the GM Transport Committee, for 2021/22 be noted.

GMCA 139/21 GMCA APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

Gwynne Williams, Deputy Monitoring Officer to the GMCA took members through a report which updated a number of appointment changes received from GM Local Authorities in relation to GMCA Committees.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the appointment of Cllr Martyn Cox, Bolton, as a member of the GMCA be noted.

2. That the appointment of Cllr Martyn Cox to the GMCA Standards Committee be agreed.
3. That the appointment of Cllr Martyn Cox to the GMCA Resources Committee be agreed.
4. That the appointment of Councillor Christine Roberts (Wigan) to replace Councillor Joanne Marshall (Wigan) on the GMCA Audit Committee be agreed.
5. That the following appointments, by the GM Mayor and District Councils to the GM Transport Committee, be noted as follows:
 - Cllr Tom McGee to replace Cllr Elise Wilson (Stockport), who remains his substitute, by the GM Mayor.
 - Cllr Dzidra Noor, to replace Cllr Julie Connolly (Manchester) as the substitute member.
 - Cllr Barrie Holland (Tameside) as the substitute member.
6. That the appointment of Cllr Jude Wells (Stockport) to the GM Joint Commissioning Board to replace of Cllr Tom McGee, who remains the substitute member, be noted.
7. That the appointment of Cllr Jude Wells and Cllr Tom McGee (substitute member) (Stockport) to the GM Health & Care Board be noted.
8. That the following appointments to the Air Quality Administration Committee be noted as follows:
 - Stockport Council - Cllr Tom McGee and Cllr Jude Wells (substitute member)
 - Salford City Council, Cllr Mike McCusker and Cllr Sophia Linden (substitute member)
9. That the following appointments to the Air Quality Charging Authorities Committee be noted as follows:
 - Salford City Council - Cllr Mike McCusker and Cllr Roger Jones (substitute member)
 - Stockport Council - Cllr Tom McGee and Cllr Jude Wells (substitute member)
10. That the appointment of Cllr Amanda Peers (Stockport) to the GM Work & Skills Executive be noted.
11. That the appointment, by Salford City Council, of City Mayor Paul Dennett and Cllr Mike McCusker (substitute member) to the Joint Development Plan - Places for Everyone Committee be noted.
12. That the following appointments to the GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Committee be noted as follows:

- Stockport Council - Cllr David Sedgwick and Cllr Tom McGee (substitute member)
- Manchester City Council - Cllr Tim Whiston

13. That the appointment of Cllr Amanda Chadderton (Oldham) to the Growth Co Board replacing Cllr Arooj Shah be agreed.

GMCA 140/21 DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS BETWEEN THE 30 JULY AND 10 SEPTEMBER 2021

Gwynne Williams, Deputy Monitoring Officer to the GMCA introduced a report which informed the GMCA of the decisions taken following the cancellation of the GMCA meeting on 30 July 2021.

RESOLVED /-

That the decisions taken under delegated powers as detailed in the report be noted.

GMCA 141/21 GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Stephen Watson, the Chief Constable for Greater Manchester Police advised the GMCA that now was time for change for GMP and the publication of the Implementation Plan was a key milestone in their recovery journey providing a clear forward direction.

The first section of the document reflected historically on the force and showed that there were a number of issues to be tackled head on, including strategic leadership, strategic clarity, use of data, the absence of a performance management framework, significant pressure on staff, loss of talent, low morale, technological issues, dissatisfied victims, unacceptable outcomes and the need to move to a more place-based operational model. There had been significant work undertaken to understand the root cause analysis of these issues and as a result there was confidence that they were all fixable, and now formed the core of the Implementation Plan.

The second section of the document highlighted surge activities which would be undertaken rapidly in order to address the recommendations of the latest HMIC report, areas including measures to address the under recording of crime and ways by which victims could be given a higher quality of service.

Section three described a reformed operational model that would address the integral issues starting with strategic leadership. A number of high level appointments had been made recently including Deputy Chief Constable Terry Woods, who would have responsibility for overseeing the appointment of a number of Chief Superintendents for every GM area, ensuring that the calibre of officers was of the highest level and could lead change.

The Plan itself had been distilled down to one page, allowing everyone to locate themselves within it, and enabling it to guide every action of GMP. The series of promises included in the Plan clearly defined what the public would be able to see/feel differently as the Plan embeds itself including, rapid response rates, a commitment to investigate all crime and to pursue all lines of enquiry. The re-opening of the custody facility in Bolton, was one of the initiatives introduced which would contribute to the delivery of the ambition to double the number of arrests over the next year. Serious organised crime would be one area in which

GMP would be increasing its presence, as it was recognised as a key driver for many associated crimes. Police visibility would also be increased, through an allocated District Commander for each area of GM who was accountable and contactable and would have the ability to build knowledge about their communities in order to deliver a truly neighbourhood based model.

Addressing the spirit of the force would be another area of key focus, as it was recognised that although morale had been damaged, it had not been destroyed and officers were ready for the challenge of delivering the Forward Plan alongside the surge activity that had already begun at pace.

The GM Mayor added that this presentation was exactly what the people of Greater Manchester needed to hear, with the promise that more crimes would be investigated, that the surge activities to address those actions which required an immediate response were already underway and that there would be stronger arrangements to hold the Chief Constable to account.

Through the last four years of office, the GM Mayor had discovered that there were a number of cultural issues within GMP that prevented officers from being as transparent as possible, and finally the recent HMIC report into the force gave enough evidence for action to be taken to change the strategic leadership. The Mayor gave further assurances that there would be significant counterbalancing to ensure that the Plan was delivered and the Police Force remained strong in this new direction.

To actively hold the Chief Constable to account, there would be a series of measures put in place beginning with regular performance reporting to the Police and Crime Panel which would act as an early warning system if any of the objectives were off balance. Secondly, the ongoing independent enquiries into child sexual exploitation in Oldham and Rochdale would be completed as soon as possible. The outcomes of the Kerslake review and the Arena enquiry would be cross referenced to understand any relationships between the recommendations and ensure answers could be provided to those families affected. A team of GMCA officers had been tasked to undertake an internal review into the IOPS system and provide further evidence in relation to the findings of the HMIC report, which had highlighted that despite the broad system being effective, the Police Works element was not fit for purpose and therefore a decision to repair or replace would be taken imminently, supported by an external validation process. The final element to increased transparency would be a programme of Police Accountability meetings with local councillors and MPs in the public domain.

The Deputy Mayor, Baroness Bev Hughes added that this new era for GMP was a marked change because the Force's strategic leaders were now of the same opinion as the GM political leaders that accountability should be done in the public domain, ensuring they were accountable to not only elected representatives but also to the public. There was a sense of confidence that they could rise to the challenge now that they were working in the same direction and shared these same values.

Members of the GMCA were encouraged by the presentation from the Chief Constable and expressed their desire that the Forward Plan was implemented successfully. It was recognised that ensuring the Force was delivering was the responsibility of all Leaders and that strong effective partnerships would be the key.

Local Authorities reported recurrent levels of 'low-level' which impacted greatly on residents, crime including traffic related incidents, antisocial behaviour and brazen drug dealing in

public spaces had not been taken seriously by GMP, it was felt that clear and swift responses were needed in order to send out a message to criminals that this would no longer be tolerated. The Chief Constable added that there was no such thing as 'low-level crime', and that crimes should not be categorised, moreover the impact to the victim was of the highest importance. He was clear that it remained the fact that all crime was crime.

Members of the GMCA wished to recognise the hard work of the frontline policing staff, who had continued to persevere through broken systems and processes. The scale of the challenge was significant, and it was noted that building public trust and confidence would take time. Greater levels of public accountability would be one way in which to begin this process. The Chief Constable agreed that confidence and trust were not malleable commodities, and they had to be preserved and built upon. The asks of the public were often easily accomplishable, in that they wanted a force that was decent, professional, caring and respectful. All of which underpinned confidence in a police force, and through greater public accountability tracking progress against public confidence would be ongoing through regular dialogue about their experiences.

In relation to the reviews into cases of child sexual exploitation, members of the GMCA were pleased to see GMP and the Deputy GM Mayor continuing to prioritise this work, as it was a difficult and sensitive matter to address, often plagued by historical issues and barriers and required complete honesty from strategic leaders and a willingness to make significant institutional changes.

Members of the GMCA reiterated the importance of diversity to Greater Manchester, and that this vibrancy should also be reflected in GMP's strategic leadership. The Chief Constable recognised the diversity of the City Region and how its makeup underpinned the Force's promise for fair and proportionate policing to all communities with the same high standard of professionalism. Each of the Chief Superintendents would be held to account for the actions of their teams, as would the District Commanders whose appointments had been made in line with GMP's diversity and equality commitments whilst ensuring they shared the ambition to see Greater Manchester Police be transformed.

Austerity on the force had played some role in its issues along with significant population growth in GM, and members recognised the need for long term financial support in order to support the delivery of the Forward Plan. It would be crucial to continue to lobby and influence Central Government to provide funding and resources. The Chief Constable added that better leverage of current resources was also needed, however it was imperative that Government recognised that as a whole, the force was under capacitated and under resourced following the loss of 2000 officers. This would take time to rebuild and would require strong recruitment and comprehensive training to address the knowledge deficit, however it was achievable. The support of the GM Mayor and Deputy Mayor was welcomed in providing the platform for the required negotiations with Central Government to ensure the aspirations of the Forward Plan could be delivered.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the presentation from the Chief Constable Stephen Watson be noted.
2. That the further measures to improve the Force's accountability and transparency as outlined by the GM Mayor, specifically the commitment to regular reporting to the GMCA and the Police & Crime Panel, be noted.

GMCA 142/21 GREATER MANCHESTER ARMED FORCES COVENANT DELIVERY

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham introduced a report which sought to prepare the city region to move to the next level of support for those that are serving, have served, and their families through the re-signing of the Armed Forces Covenant.

Since the initial signing in June 2017 there had been a number of practical and tangible initiatives further developing Greater Manchester's commitment to a gold standard of support. A number of GM Local Authorities had already achieved gold standard including Manchester and Salford, and this included some credible examples of projects which addressed some of the wider issues faced by veterans including homelessness, isolation and work issues. Although there was a lot to be proud of, it was recognised that there was still a lot to do to improve Greater Manchester's offer even further.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the update on progress made to deliver against the Armed Forces Covenant coherently across GM be noted.
2. That the forthcoming developments with regards to forthcoming legislation, which will provide the impetus to further enhance delivery of Greater Manchester's Armed Forces Covenant, be noted.
3. That the proposal to re-sign the Greater Manchester's Armed Forces Covenant in accordance with the GM Mayor's Manifesto pledge be approved.

GMCA 143/21 GREATER MANCHESTERS EQUALITY PANELS

Councillor Brenda Warrington, Portfolio Leader for Equalities took the Combined Authority through a cover report which presented the 2020-21 Annual Reports and updates from Greater Manchester Equality Panels for consideration. There were now seven equality panels, all at various stages of development, but each being highly significant to the delivery of the recommendations outlined in the Independent Equalities Commission report. Based on the activities and outcomes presented, the report sought support to secure funding for 2022/23 to continue their positive impact.

The GM Mayor added that there had been a quickening of pace on GM's equality ambitions since the establishment of the equality portfolio and panels. The recent report from the Northern Health Science Alliance further reinforced the required determination of GM to address inequalities, especially post pandemic and the importance of hearing all voices in relation to public service reform.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Annual Reports provided by the Disabled People's Panel, LGBTQ+ Panel and the Youth Combined Authority, and updates from the Race Equality Panel, Women and Girls Panel, and Faith and Belief Panel be noted.
2. That it be noted that recurrent funding of £350,000 would be required from the Mayoral Budget from 2022/23 to continue the work of the Equality Panels.

GMCA 144/21 GREATER MANCHESTER HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION STRATEGY

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Leader for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure introduced a report which outlined that a commitment to a Greater Manchester Homelessness Prevention Strategy was made in 2017 by the incumbent Mayor of Greater Manchester. The Strategy had now been through extensive co-production and public consultation and now sought approval from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

It provided a city region framework for activity to prevent homelessness through a 5-year lens, recognising that the determinants were complex and included issues related to housing, employment, debt, austerity, drugs, alcohol, mental health, welfare reform and benefit cuts. Furthermore, it was anticipated that as a result of Government's planned reduction in Universal Credit, there would be an additional 1.2 million people across the UK forced to skip meals.

The Strategy had three principles for delivery including being person-centric, building inclusive participation and embedding prevention in reformed public services. It built on learning from previous schemes and work that has already been undertaken in GM such as the GM Housing Strategy and aimed to further influence Government on this agenda. By October 2021 there would be a set of actions to deliver the Strategy which had been coproduced through a range of engagement with partner agencies. The level of engagement was welcomed by the GM Mayor and the continued support of Local Authorities and partners was acknowledged, as without which programmes such as 'a bed every night' would not have been able to continue to support as many people.

There was a shared understanding across partner organisations that homelessness support needed to move to a more preventative approach, and the measures within the Strategy would allow for more comprehensive thinking as to how we can support people through their recovery from trauma, reducing any risk of homelessness as a consequence. The Housing First pilot had helped to illustrate the importance of time to recover allowing trauma to be addressed effectively and as a result GM was clearer as to the type of approach that would work going forward.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the missions set within the Homelessness Prevention Strategy in Greater Manchester be approved.
2. That the principles set to guide homelessness prevention activity in Greater Manchester be approved.
3. That the commitment to the development of an accompanying Greater Manchester Homelessness Prevention Action Plan, by October 2021, that sets out regional commitments, deliverables and indicators be approved.
4. That it be noted that Greater Manchester's target for 50,000 affordable homes will be at the heart of the forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review bid.

GMCA 145/21 GM MINIMUM LICENSING STANDARDS FOR TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE

The GM Mayor introduced a report which updated the GMCA on the progress made on the development of a set of minimum licensing standards relating to taxi and private hire in Greater Manchester. There were two phases to the proposal, the first to address standards for drivers, operators and local authorities and the second to address standards across all vehicles.

The consultation on phase one had been completed, and as a result the proposals had been revised and now contained 17 recommendations to be approved by each GM Local Authority.

Members of the GMCA reported that there were strong and clear views from the public regarding the potential for a set of standards to increase their feeling of safety. This would also inherently increase the confidence of the trade that they were not at risk of being undercut by other drivers. A GM wide approach was fully endorsed to ensure there was a consistent approach to the quality of taxis and private hire vehicles.

RESOLVED /-

That the progress of the Minimum Licensing Standards workstream be noted and the proposals at Stage 1 of the recommendations be endorsed.

GMCA 146/21 HS2 AND NORTHERN POWERHOUSE RAIL (NPR)

The GM Mayor took members through a report which provided an update on the HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail Programme and the significant work being undertaken by GM Partners to inform it in anticipation of a hybrid bill in early 2022. It was noted that GM retained their clear ambition to improve Piccadilly Rail Station and it was hoped that this work would be a key enabler for delivery of these improvements.

Members of the GMCA echoed the importance of both the north-south and east-west rail links as well as a focus on both intra-city and inter-city rail schemes. However, in order to see the desired changes, it was vital that Government remained committed to the improvement of the public transport network in and out of Greater Manchester, and the publication of the Integrated Rail Plan was needed as soon as possible to address the current gaps in the system. It was frustrating that the industry still remained in project silos, resulting in negative impacts in other areas of the network and continued barriers to the delivery of more strategic aspirations for the industry.

The GM Mayor added his disappointment that Greater Manchester had been the only area in the UK that had been asked to contribute financially to HS2, which seemed unequitable.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the unique opportunity that the HS2/NPR Programme presents for Greater Manchester, in achieving the GMCA objectives for economic rebalancing and growth be noted.

2. That the critical issues that require a resolution for HS2 and NPR delivery in Greater Manchester be noted.
3. That the scale of activity and investment that will be required over the coming years to secure the full potential of HS2 and NPR impact in Greater Manchester through the programmes for station development/renewal, local connectivity provision, place-based regeneration and local skills/supply chain development, as set out in the Greater Manchester HS2/NPR Growth Strategy be noted.
4. That in addition to the issues surrounding the principal HS2/NPR stations at Manchester Airport and Piccadilly, the importance of HS2 development stages for Wigan North Western and Stockport Stations be recognised.
5. That the HS2 Phase 2b Western Leg (Crewe to Manchester) Bill process; the opportunities for GMCA to engage and influence the Bill; and the importance of ensuring that the final scheme is brought forward in a manner that is sensitive to local planning conditions, be noted.
6. That the update on the development of Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR) be noted.
7. That the work programme underway to continue to develop, engage with and inform the HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail Programme be endorsed.
8. That the importance of Inter-city and Intra-city rail services to the success of HS2 and NPR be endorsed.

GMCA 147/21 THE MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND AND ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND

The GM Mayor introduced the latest report on the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund and Active Travel Fund which sought approval for the funding requirements to ensure the continued delivery of the GM Active Travel Capital and Revenue Programmes.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the release of up to £1.656 million of development cost funding for the 4 MCF schemes, as set out in section 2 of the report, be approved.
2. That the proposed update to the previously agreed governance process and scheme of delegation for the Greater Manchester Active Travel Fund (ATF) programme, in respect of the GM-wide complementary measures package, be approved.

GMCA 148/21 GMCA CAPITAL UPDATE 2021/2022 - QUARTER 1

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Leader for Resources introduced a report which presented an update in relation to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority 2021/22 capital expenditure programme.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the current 2021/22 forecast, of £681m million, compared to the 2021/22 capital budget of £439m, be noted.

2. That the addition to the Capital Programme of the GM Clean Air Zone (part of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan), as outlined in section 9 of the report, with a current forecast expenditure of £18.4 million in 2021/22, £18.8 million in 2022/23 and £9.5 million in 2023/24 be approved.
3. That the addition to the Capital Programme of the Clean Funds Scheme (part of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan), as outlined in section 9 of the report, with a current forecast expenditure of £5.1 million in 2021/22, £73.2 million in 2022/23 and £31.3 million in 2023/24, be approved.
4. That the addition of Bus Franchising to the Capital Programme be noted and the additional capital expenditure of £24.6 million in 2021/22, as outlined in section 10 of the report, be approved.
5. That, in line with the financial strategy, incremental prudential borrowings of up to £15.7 million in 2021/22 to finance depot and land acquisition capital expenditure for Bus Franchising, be approved.
6. That it be noted that Bus Franchising capital expenditure, and the related interest and repayment costs, be, as appropriate, funded from the overall financial strategy as previously approved by the GMCA.
7. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and the TfGM Finance and Corporate Services Director to determine the optimum funding mix between Earnback Capital grant and Prudential Borrowings for Bus Franchising capital expenditure.
8. That the addition to the capital programme of the Affordable Homes, Public Sector Decarbonisation, Homelessness Rough Sleeper Programme and Green Homes Grant schemes, outlined in section 14 of the report, be approved.

GMCA 149/21 GMCA REVENUE UPDATE QUARTER 1 – 2021/22

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Leader for Resources introduced a report which informed the GMCA of the 2021/22 financial position at the end of June 2021 (quarter 1) and the forecasted revenue outturn position for the 2021/22 financial year. The report also provided an update on reserves and balances held by GMCA at 31st March 2021 and approved use of reserves in the 2021/22 budget.

RESOLVED /-

1. That an increase to Mayoral budget of £283k, to be funded from reserves, as set out in Section 2 of the report, be approved.
2. That an increase to the GMCA General budget of £21.381m, fully funded from additional income and use of reserves, as set out in Section 3 of the report, be approved.
3. That the use of reserves and revenue grants unapplied for GMFRS of £1.077m, as set out in Section 4 of the report, be approved.
4. That the award of £8.6 million of funding from Department for Transport, with respect to the Intra-City Transport Settlement Resource funding for financial year 2021-22,

be noted, and that the inclusion of this funding and associated costs in the 2021/22 budget, which will be used alongside the previously approved funding from TCF, for expenditure on the development of a pipeline of infrastructure schemes in Greater Manchester by TfGM and the ten Local Authorities, be approved.

5. That the updated budget prepared for implementation of the GM Bus Franchising Scheme in 2021/22 be noted and the inclusion of this expenditure and funding in the 2021/22 budget be approved in line with the funding arrangements for Bus Franchising previously approved by GMCA in November 2020 and originally approved in October 2019.

GMCA 150/21 CRICKET IN GREATER MANCHESTER

The GM Mayor took members through a report which provided an update on the progress of the Cricket Strategy for Greater Manchester and sought views on a variation to the GMCA's original agreement for providing funding for the Action Plan that sits beneath it. Its vision was to see a number of urban cricket centres across GM, reaching all communities, especially those where there were currently no facilities, in order to increase the opportunity to play cricket and for talent to be highlighted.

Members of the GMCA were enthused by the potential of this project to grow and explore local talent, and felt that the value of such a scheme was likely to be immeasurable in some of the most deprived wards in GM. Such opportunities for young people were vital to increasing their aspirations and awareness of the sport and thanks were also expressed to Lancashire Cricket Ground for providing free tickets to live cricket as part of the Our Pass scheme. In turn this would also increase awareness, diversity and see a range of benefits for the sport as a whole, members were pleased to see GM leading on this agenda.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress report on the Action Plan within the Cricket Strategy be noted.
2. That it be agreed to vary the original terms of the grant to support activity within the Strategy, requiring the in-principle agreement of an Urban Cricket Centre in order to release the GMCA's funding for each year of the strategy, as described in Section 3 of the report.

GMCA 151/21 RESPONSE TO FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Leader for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure presented a report which sought agreement on a proposed approach to addressing strategic issues relating to flood risk and water management in Greater Manchester. Since the last report to the GMCA in April, climate change continued accelerated the risk of flooding which had already been evidenced through a number of major incidents over the past few years.

It was imperative to have a collective approach to this agenda, increasing the resilience of current assets, mitigating risks and ensuring a single coordinated approach across the GMCA and GM Local Authorities. The report made it clear that engineering solutions alone would not be enough, but that these should be delivered in conjunction with green infrastructure projects, drainage system works and nature-based solutions. The latest analysis from the Environment Agency had highlighted that over 63,000 properties were at risk of damage from river flooding alone, and that surface water also proved a significant

risk as precipitation was anticipated to rise by 59% by 2050. Therefore, aligned strategic thinking was needed to assess catchment areas that impact GM and to plan a pipeline of future projects whilst actively lobbying Government at the same time to influence national policy direction.

Members of the GMCA shared their concerning experiences of flooding and reported that current resources were at a stretched capacity. Therefore Government must do more to provide resources for flooding policies, especially in relation to prevention through improved and regularly maintained infrastructure. The urgency of this work was noted as was the key role of the Local Authority in overseeing flood management, as well as clear asks for developers to ensure this agenda was delivered.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the issues raised in the report be noted.
2. That the short-term actions, as set out in section 7 of the report, be agreed.

GMCA 152/21 HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL STRATEGY

Councillor Neil Emmott, portfolio leader for the Green City Region introduced a report which sought approval to adopt the GM Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Strategy 2021-2025, that had been produced by Manchester Metropolitan University on behalf of the city region. Following the commitments made within the Green Summit Strategy in 2020, this work further supported GM’s economic and environmental goals and carbon neutrality target for 2038. It was clear that hydrogen offered a strong alternative to fossil fuels that should be considered carefully as its technology advanced.

Members of the GMCA were in support of the strategy and its fit with the wider GM economic development vision, as hydrogen fuel cell technology was a frontier sector further supporting Greater Manchester’s green city region ambitions.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Strategy and its contents be noted.
2. That it be agreed that GMCA adopt the GM Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Strategy (draft attached at Annex 1 of the report).

GMCA 153/21 GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOAN APPROVALS

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Leader for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure took members through the latest loan requests to the Housing Investment Loan Fund.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans detailed in the table below, be approved.

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Cityheart Limited & Rise Homes Ltd	Stockport Interchange	Stockport	£21.500m

Northstone Development (Pemberton) Limited	Pemberton, Wigan	Wigan	£10.800m
Northstone Development (Pemberton) Limited	Garnet Fold, Bolton	Bolton	£6.800m

2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

GMCA 154/21 CITY REGION SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SETTLEMENT

The GM Mayor introduced a report which outlined Greater Manchester's submission to the City Region Sustainable Transport Fund (CRSTF) and was appended by a set of compelling proposals within the draft prospectus. There had been significant work in the background since Government had announced its commitment to a transport infrastructure fund and it was felt that the CRSTF would help to deliver many of the transport ambitions for GM through a proportion of £1.19b of funding over the next 5 years.

Greater Manchester were in a unique position as the Local Transport Spatial Development Plan was already underway and work to reform bus services had already begun. Therefore using these levers, GM could make a clear commitment to Government and demonstrate what could be actively delivered through this fund, putting the prospectus in a strong position.

In parallel there were ongoing conversations regarding the Bus Service Improvement Plan revenue funding bid, both of which would retain active travel at the heart. The Streets for All work to reallocate road space across all modes was also underway, and conversations regarding Government's key route network consultation would begin in due course. All of which contributed to GMs strong position to bid for the maximum funding available through the CRSTF, ensuring benefits could be experienced across the sub region.

The prospectus would also become a key foundation for conversations with Government on a wider levelling up deal, enabling the 2.8 million people in Greater Manchester to become better connected to jobs, education and opportunities.

Members of the GMCA welcomed the reference to the levelling up agenda and recognised the importance of infrastructure improvements that were often dependant on Transport Act status in order to allow land acquisition. This often proved a barrier to developing complex projects on budget and on time and it needed to be addressed in Government's Levelling Up White Paper.

Reference to the expansion of the Metrolink system was also welcomed, as was GM's continued ambition for a London-style bus system, capped fares and multi-modal ticketing. Joined up towns and cities would lend itself to economic growth through an increase in job opportunities and retention of talent. Another element would include brownfield regeneration alongside zero carbon homes and zero carbon transport, all of which highlighted what levelling up could really look like and the potential breadth of its impact.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that GMCA was requested on 20 July 2021 to prepare a submission to the Government's new City Region Sustainable Transport Fund by as soon as possible after the end of August, so as to secure up to £1.19 billion of capital funding for the period 2022/23 to 2026/27.
2. That the conditions for this submission, as set out in section 1 of the report, be noted.
3. That the draft Prospectus, summarising the GM submission in accordance with the Fund guidance, for submission to Government be approved.
4. That it be noted that further draft background documents for the submission are contained in Part B of the agenda, to be released as they are finalised through review with Government.

GMCA 155/21 GREATER MANCHESTER ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

RESOLVED /-

That this item be deferred to the meeting of the GMCA to be held on 24 September 2021.

GMCA 156/21 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED /-

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

GMCA 157/21 CITY REGION SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SETTLEMENT

RESOLVED /-

That subsequent to the Part A report, which considers the draft CRSTS Prospectus to be submitted to Government, the additional supplementary material to be included in GM's submission, in particular the detailed list of schemes that underpin the Prospectus proposals and a description of some additional annex materials to be provided to Government, be noted.

GMCA 158/21 GM HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND APPROVALS

Clerk's note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute GMCA 153/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 159/21 DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED /-

That the GMCA would next meet on 24 September 2021.

Signed by the Chair:

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**(MioCare Group CIC, Oldham Care and Support Ltd,
MioCare Services Ltd)**

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

Wednesday 15th July 2021

Via MS Teams 10am

Commercial in Confidence

Present:	Board Members Cllr Steven Bashforth (Cllr SB) – Chair Cllr Louie Hamblett (Cllr LH) Peter White – Deputy Chair, Non-Executive Board Member (PW) Jeff Jones – Non-Executive Board Member (JJ) Cathy Butterworth – Non-Executive Board Member (CB) Karl Dean – Managing Director (KD)	In attendance Val Perrins – Associate Director (VP) Mark Warren – Shareholder’s Advisor & DASS (MW) Danny Jackson – Finance Manager (DJ) Colin Brittain – Oldham Council Assistant Borough Solicitor (CBr) Chris Petrie – Unity, Head of IT (CP) Liz Lyons – Senior Business Consultant (LL) Karen Wilson – Business Support Manager (Minutes)
Apologies	Cllr Zahid Chauhan (Cllr ZC)	

No	Agenda Item	Action
1	Confidential – Board Members Only There were no items of business discussed.	
2	Welcome, Introduction, attendees and apologies The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.	
3	Declaration of Interest There are no declarations of interest	
For Information		
4	Minutes of Last Meeting a) The confidential minutes of the last Board meeting held on 15 th April 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record. b) The public minutes of the last Board meeting held on 15 th April 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record. c) The Board action log was discussed and updated accordingly. d) The minutes of the last Operations Committee held on 25 th May 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record. e) The minutes of the last Finance, Audit and Risk (FAR) Committee held on 22 nd June 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
For Discussion		
5	Team Oldham Sustainable Future Programme VP gave a presentation to Board members that offered further understanding of the Sustainable Future Programme. The presentation covered:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Background and Context – Objectives and Aims – Progress to Date – Activity Analysis – The Next Steps of the Programme <p>Members noted the presentation and acknowledged the work to date. Members were clear that this work will impact on the MioCare Group and its strategy. There will clearly be resource implications and wanted an update at the conclusion of the programme. KD suggested a dedicated session at an additional Board meeting was probably the best way to review the SF programme recommendations.</p> <p>Thanks, was offered to VP for the explanation of the programme.</p> <p>Action: KW to schedule and Extraordinary Board meeting for members</p>	KW
6	<p>Committee Updates – Key Matters</p> <p>As Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, JJ advised the main areas discussed at the recent meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The company finances are in a healthy position. – The external auditors suggested there are no issues with the statutory returns. – There are some data migration issues around payroll that will hopefully be addressed shortly. – Compliance is generally good, there are some trend concerns but trend analysis will be completed when possible. – A review of Medlock Reablement Service was provided from the Service Manager. – Health and Safety is trending a positive direction. <p>As Chair of the Operations Committee, PW advised the minutes of the recent meeting are available within the Board packs. An area that was discussed at the recent meeting was the Extra Care Satisfaction Survey. Good explanations about the service were provided and the results of the survey were offered. This is the first time a significant discussion has been had around customer satisfaction. The only negative that was reported was that clients wanted the activities to resume. KD advised that during the pandemic a lot of activities had to be stood down by not only MioCare but the housing provider for who activities is a primary responsibility.</p> <p>Thanks, was offered to both JJ and PW for the updates.</p>	
7	<p>MD Update</p> <p>KD referred members to the paper previously circulated. An update was provided on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination position • Holly Bank • Covid Restrictions • Recent Memorial Service • Equality plan <p>A thorough discussion took place and KD was offered thanks for the report.</p>	
8	<p>Assurance Report</p> <p>VP stated the assurance information has previously been presented at FAR and Operations Committees and a consolidated paper was also included in the Board packs. A brief update was offered, comments and questions were welcomed from members. In relation to risk management, JJ said given the continued and rising involvement with</p>	

	<p>other organisations, he suggests a requirement ensuring that MioCare agree a risk appetite with them. The strategy of other organisations needs to be thought about to avoid any clashes.</p> <p>CB stated that it was pleasing to see a plan to establish an equalities group and advised it would be good standing for a Board member to contribute to this work. KD advised he does see a role for the Board and conversation and further thought is required of how it can feed through.</p> <p>CllrSB thanked VP for the update.</p>	
9	<p>Management Accounts Period 3</p> <p>DJ informed members that at Month 3 accounts the surplus across all 3 companies is £47k against a projected budget surplus of £16k with a projected year end surplus of £166k. A concise breakdown of the individual companies was provided.</p> <p>Thanks, was offered to DJ for the report.</p>	
10	<p>MioCare Group 2020/21 End of Year Position</p> <p>DJ advised members that at the end of the 15 month elongated financial year the Group was in a positive financial position delivering a surplus of £148k.</p> <p>CllrSB acknowledged and thanked DJ and the team for the work completed.</p>	
For Decision		
11	<p>Integration Agreement</p> <p>KD referred members to the paper previously circulated. A brief update was offered with a recommendation that Board members sign up to the integration objectives and principles, endorsing MioCare Group to become an affiliate member of the Oldham Cares Partnership.</p> <p>A very through discussion took place as this was a complicated area which essentially looked at the challenge of system wide integration and governance and how this compares to established individual organisation sovereignty governance.</p> <p>KD offered that the aim of the agreement was for organisations to collectively work on delivering the best outcomes for the people of Oldham as opposed to the delivery of individual organisations’ objectives.</p> <p>KD clarified that ‘Affiliate’ membership was not legally binding on the MioCare Group. In principle Board members supported the recommendation with the caveat that further clarity be provided around how system decision making impacts on individual organisation governance. PW said scenarios are useful to show how things may work in the new integrated governance structure.</p> <p>Action: KD to provide further clarity at the Extraordinary Board meeting regarding the Integrated Agreement and unanimous decision making.</p> <p>Decision: Board members endorse MioCare becoming an affiliate member of the integration agreement.</p>	KD
12	<p>Wholly Owned Company Reserved Matters</p> <p>CBr advised the corporate governance proposals have been previously circulated in the Board packs. An update was offered with the recommendation that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Board members adopt the Council’s Shareholders Committee – Board members agree the ‘Reserved Matters’ – Board members agree the revised term of Directors tenure – Board members appoint a Company Secretary – Board members instruct the Company Secretary <p>Comment and questions were invited from members and a discussion took place about expedient decision making.</p>	

	<p>Action: CBr to amend the reserved matters article to include urgent decisions can be made offline.</p> <p>Decision: Board members unanimously accept all of the specified recommendations of the Wholly Owned Company Reserved Matters.</p>	CBr
13	<p>Draft MioCare Group Digital Business Case</p> <p>CP advised the Draft MioCare Group Digital Business Case has been previously circulated in the Board packs. An update was offered with the recommendation that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Board members endorse the work completed by the digital discovery project – Board members approve the business case with implementation costs being requested as part of the integrated system governance – Board members agree to resource the revenue funding of circa £60k a year <p>Comments and questions were welcomed from Board members.</p> <p>A discussion took place in relation to cost, benefits and how this critical work fits with our strategy. PW also raised about how the existing infrastructure doesn't appear to be fit for the future.</p> <p>CP advised that this would be looked as ahead of implementation.</p> <p>KD concluded that there has been great support from Unity colleagues and that the culture change piece will be the biggest challenge.</p> <p>Decision: Board members unanimously accept all of the specified recommendations of the Draft MioCare Group Digital Business Case.</p>	
14	<p>AOB and Close</p> <p>CllrSB offered thanks to all officers and visitor to the meeting.</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 14th October 2021 10am – 12.00</p> <p>Ena Hughes (TBC)/MS Teams</p>	

MINUTES

Meeting: **National Park Authority**

Date: Friday 2 July 2021 at 10.00 am

Venue: The Palace Hotel, Buxton, SK17 6AG

Chair: Cllr A McCloy

Present: Mr J W Berresford, Cllr W Armitage, Cllr P Brady, Cllr D Chapman, Cllr C Farrell, Cllr C Furness, Cllr C Greaves, Cllr A Gregory, Prof J Haddock-Fraser, Cllr A Hart, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Mr R Helliwell, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr D Murphy, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr V Priestley, Cllr K Richardson, Miss L Slack, Mr K Smith, Cllr P Tapping, Cllr D Taylor, Mrs C Waller and Ms Y Witter

Apologies for absence: Mr Z Hamid, Ms A Harling, Cllr I Huddleston, Cllr M O'Rourke, Cllr J Wharmby and Cllr B Woods.

46/21 ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

47/21 ELECTION OF AUTHORITY CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR

Mr J Berresford, the Deputy Chair of the Authority presided for the appointment of the Chair for 2021/22.

One Member, Cllr A McCloy, 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 nomination was moved and seconded and, in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(4) the voting was carried out by a show of hands. Cllr A McCloy was appointed as Chair of the Authority for 2021/22. Cllr A McCloy then presided for the remainder of the meeting.

One Member, Mr J Berresford 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 nomination was moved and seconded and, in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(4), the voting was carried out by a show of hands.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To appoint Cllr A McCloy as Chair of the Authority for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in July 2022.**

2. To appoint Mr J Berresford as Deputy Chair of the Authority for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in July 2022.

48/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 21ST MAY 2021

The minutes of the previous National Park Authority meeting held on the 21st May 2021 were approved as a correct record.

49/21 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

50/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public had given notice to address the meeting under the Public Participation at Meetings Scheme.

51/21 AUTHORITY CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair welcomed Cllr Mike Chaplin, who was attending the meeting as a member of the public. Until recently Cllr Chaplin had been the Sheffield City Council representative on the Authority and the Chair thanked him for his valuable contributions to the Authority's work during his time as a Member. It was noted that the new representative for Sheffield City Council would be confirmed the following week.

The Chair provided a verbal update covering the following:

- The Government had published a Ministerial Statement regarding the Landscape Review, which had been circulated to Members, and will respond more fully later in the year.
- The Chair had attended a meeting with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs as part of his new role as Chair of National Parks England.
- The Chair confirmed that the Authority meeting scheduled for 23 July had been cancelled however a Member's Forum will take place on that date at 10am. Items for discussion will include the response to the Government's Landscape Review statement. It is likely that this will be a virtual meeting.
- The Chair had recently held separate, useful meetings regarding shared issues with the Leaders of Derbyshire Dales District Council, High Peak Borough Council and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

RESOLVED

To note the report

52/21 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT (SLF)

Members noted the Chief Executive's Report that included updates to Members on key items since the previous Authority meeting, including:

- New Minister for Protected Landscapes

- Easing of lockdown update
- Public consultation on the National Park Management Plan
- Investors in People Assessment
- Parishes Bulletin 40

RESOLVED

To note the report.

53/21 REPORT OF THE MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS PANEL – APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS, ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, STEERING GROUPS, PANELS AND ADVISORY GROUPS MEMBER CHAMPIONS AND OUTSIDE BODIES

The meeting considered the report of the Member Appointments Process Panel and considered each of the appointments set out in the recommendations of 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.

Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee

Motions to appoint Mr R Helliwell as Chair of Planning Committee and Mr K Smith as Vice Chair of Planning Committee were moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Programmes and Resources Committee

A motion to appoint Mr Z Hamid as Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

Two Members, Cllr C Furness and Prof J Haddock-Fraser had expressed an interest in the role of Vice Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee and provided written statements, circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting. A motion to appoint one of the candidates was moved and seconded and, in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(4), the voting was carried out in the form of a ballot.

Following the ballot, Prof J Haddock-Fraser was appointed as Vice Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee.

Planning Committee and Programmes and Resources 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 on Planning Committee allocated according to the formula used in previous years. Last year the Authority agreed to increase the size of Programmes and Resources Committee to 16 Members so that the Chair of the Authority could be appointed to both Committees and it was agreed to continue this for a further 12 months. It was also agreed that the Cheshire East Member place on Planning Committee could be filled by another Local Authority Member for 12 months and the Cheshire East Member would join the Programmes and Resources Committee.

The vacancies on Planning Committee were appointed to as follows:

- Cllr D Murphy was appointed to the vacancy for a Derbyshire County Council Member.

- Cllr J Wharmby was appointed to the vacancy for the Cheshire East Member for 12 months.
- It was agreed to hold the Metropolitan District Councils Member vacancy for the new Member who would be appointed by Sheffield City Council.

The vacancies on Programmes and Resources Committee were appointed to as follows:

- Cllr C Greaves and Cllr D Taylor were appointed to the Local Authority Member vacancies.

Local Joint Committee

It was agreed to carry the two vacancies for a Local Authority Member and a Secretary of State Member.

Appeals Panel

Cllr Gregory was appointed as a reserve member of the Appeals Panel.

Due Diligence Panel

Ms A Harling was appointed to the vacancy for a Deputy Member.

Local Plan Review Member Steering Group

A vote was taken and carried, to confirm that Members were satisfied with the composition of this group.

Governance Review Working Group

Cllr D Murphy was appointed to the vacancy of Local Authority Member.

Climate Change Member Steering Group

Two Members, Cllr A Hart and Cllr P Tapping had expressed an interest in the the vacancy on this Steering Group. A motion to appoint one of the candidates was moved and seconded and following a ballot, Cllr P Tapping was appointed.

Budget Monitoring Meeting

It was agreed to increase the size of this group to a total of 6 Members and all Members who had expressed an interest in the Meeting were moved, seconded and appointed.

National Park Management Plan and Corporate Strategy Review Member Task Group

Cllr G Heath and Cllr W Armitage withdrew their interest in this Group so Cllr A Hart was proposed, seconded and appointed to the vacancy.

Member Appointments Process Panel

Cllr W Armitage withdrew his interest in the vacancy for a Local Authority member and Cllr K Richardson was proposed, seconded and appointed.

Cllr V Priestley and Cllr W Armitage were proposed, seconded and appointed as reserve Members of the Panel.

Member Champions

Cllr G Heath withdrew her interest in the Natural Environment, Biodiversity and Farming role so all appointments were made in accordance with the other expressions of interest.

Appointments to Outside Bodies

- Campaign for National Parks - It was agreed to carry one deputy vacancy
- East Midlands Councils - Cllr C Furness was appointed and it was agreed to carry the vacancy of Deputy.
- Sheffield City Region Combined Authority - It was agreed to hold the deputy vacancy for the new Member from Sheffield City Council
- Peak District National Park Authority Foundation - Cllr A Gregory was appointed as an additional reserve Member.
- Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership - Cllr A Gregory was appointed as Deputy
- South West Peak Landscape Partnership Board - Two Members had expressed an interest in the Member role; Cllr D Chapman and Cllr A Hart. Following a ballot, Cllr Chapman was appointed to the Member role. Two Members had expressed an interest in the Deputy role; Cllr A Hart and Mr K Smith. Following a ballot, Cllr Hart was appointed as Deputy.
- Staffordshire Destination Management Partnership - Cllr A Hart was appointed as Member and Cllr A Gregory as Deputy.

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 with the allocation of the Cheshire East Council place on Planning Committee to another Local Authority until the annual Authority meeting in July 2022 and to increase the size of the Programmes and Resources Committee 16, with 8 Local Authority Members and 8 Secretary of State Members (to allow the Chair of the Authority to be a Member of both Standing Committees) until the annual Authority meeting in July 2022.**
- 2. To appoint Mr R Helliwell as Chair and Mr K Smith as Vice Chair, of the Planning Committee, and Mr Z Hamid as Chair and Prof J Haddock-Fraser as Vice Chair, of Programmes and Resources Committee until the annual Authority meeting in July 2022.**

3. To appoint the following Members to the Planning Committee and the Programmes and Resources Committee until the annual Authority meeting in July 2022:

Planning Committee

Chair - Mr R Helliwell

Vice Chair – Mr K Smith

Cllr D Murphy

Cllr D Chapman

Cllr I Huddleston

Cllr J Wharmby

Cllr A Hart

Cllr K Richardson

Cllr J W Armitage

Sheffield City Council Rep

Cllr R P H Brady

Ms A Harling

Cllr A McCloy

Cllr Mrs K Potter

Mrs C Waller

Programmes and Resources

Chair – Mr Z Hamid

Vice Chair – Prof J Haddock-Fraser

Cllr C Furness

Cllr C Farrell

Cllr A Gregory

Cllr Mrs C G Heath

Cllr C McLaren

Cllr B Woods

Cllr D Taylor

Cllr C Greaves

Mr J Berresford

Cllr A McCloy

Cllr V Priestley

Miss L Slack

Cllr P Tapping

Ms Y Witter

4. a) To appoint the following Members to Local Joint Committee until the annual Authority meeting in July 2022:

Cllr W Armitage

Cllr Mrs K Potter

Cllr C Furness

Cllr V Priestley

Cllr I Huddleston

Mr K Smith

Cllr K Richardson

- b) To appoint the following Members to the Appeals Panel until the Annual Meeting in July 2022:

Cllr D Chapman	Cllr R P H Brady
Cllr I Huddleston	Prof J Haddock-Fraser
Cllr A Hart	Mr R Helliwell
Cllr K Richardson	Cllr V Priestley
Cllr B Woods	
Cllr A Gregory (Reserve)	

- c) To appoint the following Members to the Due Diligence Panel until the Annual Meeting in July 2022:**

1 Member – Mr J Berresford	1 Deputy – Ms A Harling
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- d) To appoint the following members to the Local Plan Review Member Steering Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2022:**

Chair of Planning Committee	Mr R Helliwell
Vice Chair of Planning Committee	Mr K Smith
Chair of Authority	Cllr A McCloy
Member Representatives	Mr R Helliwell
	Mr K Smith
	Ms Y Witter
	Ms A Harling
	Prof J Haddock-Fraser
	Cllr C Furness

- e) To appoint the following Members to the Governance Review Working Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2022:**

Cllr W Armitage	Mr J Berresford
Cllr C Furness	Cllr R P H Brady
Cllr B Woods	Cllr A McCloy
Cllr D Murphy	Mr K Smith

- f) To appoint the following Members to the Climate Change Member Steering Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2022:**

Cllr C Farrell	Prof J Haddock-Fraser
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Cllr C Furness

Mr K Smith

Cllr D Chapman

Cllr P Tapping

g) To appoint the following Members to the Budget Monitoring Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2022:

Chair, Programmes and Resources Committee **Mr Z Hamid**

Vice Chair, Programmes and Resources Committee

Chair of the Authority

Three Members

Prof J Haddock-Fraser

Cllr A McCloy

Cllr V Priestley

Ms Y Witter

Ms A Harling

h) To appoint the following Members to the National Park Management Plan And Corporate Strategy Review Member Task Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2022:

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Mr J Berresford

Cllr R P H Brady

Prof J Haddock-Fraser

Ms A Harling

Cllr A Hart

Cllr P Tapping

j) To appoint the following Members to the Member Appointments Process Panel until the Annual Meeting in July 2022:

Cllr B Woods

Ms Y Witter

Cllr K Richardson

Cllr P Tapping

Cllr W Armitage (Reserve)

Cllr V Priestley (Reserve)

5. To appoint the following Member Champions until the annual Authority meeting in July 2022:

Natural Environment, Biodiversity and Farming- Mr R Helliwell

Cultural Heritage and Landscapes-

Engagement-

Thriving and Sustainable Communities-

Climate Change-

Business Economy-

Member Learning and Development-

Mr K Smith

Ms Y Witter

Ms A Harling

Prof J Haddock-Fraser

Cllr C Furness

Cllr B Woods

- 6. To appoint Members to the 20 Outside Bodies set out in Appendix 1 to the Minutes until the annual Authority meeting in July 2022.**
- 7. To confirm that all these appointments are approved duties for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances as set out in Schedule 2 of the Members' Allowances Scheme.**

The meeting adjourned for a break at 11.07 and reconvened at 11.30

54/21 MEMBERS ATTENDANCE ANNUAL REPORT

The meeting considered the annual return of Members' attendance at Authority, Committee meetings and essential Training and Development events for 2020/21.

RESOLVED

To note the annual return of Members' attendance for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

55/21 ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022

The Authority considered a report setting out proposals for a schedule of meetings up to December 2022 including the proposed dates for the compulsory planning training and the Member Workshops.

RESOLVED

To approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2022 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

56/21 AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

The Head of Law introduced the report which requested an addition to the Officers who were authorised to attest to the sealing of documents following the recent organisational changes.

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 Monitoring Officer, The Head of Law, The Democratic Services Manager and the Assistant Solicitors. 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.”

57/21 FARMING IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPES (SLF)

The report, which updated Members on the progress of the Farming in Protected Landscape (FIPL) programme, and sought approval for a temporary suspension of standing order 7.C-3 in relation to the FIPL programme, was introduced by the Head of Landscape.

It was noted that the information within the report was no longer confidential as an announcement about the scheme had been made by the Government on 24 June 2021.

The Head of Landscape confirmed that an allowance for administration and staff costs was provided in the scheme and 3 new fixed term posts were in the process of being recruited to.

A motion to approve the recommendation was moved and seconded.

Members thanked the Head of Landscape for her hard work on this, which had been instrumental in bringing the programme forward nationally and in securing National Park Authorities role as the organisations delivering the scheme.

It was proposed that “only” be added to the end of recommendation 2, to make clear the standing order temporary suspension related to the FIPL-programme only.

The Head of Landscape acknowledged the short time scales involved for year one and confirmed that, it was hoped that one of the conditions of the funding would be changed to allow for “allocation” rather than “spend” of funds by the end of the financial year. In addition that the ask for Defra to move some of the programme funds from year one to years two and three was being pursued.

The motion to approve the recommendation with the addition of “only” at the end of recommendation 2 was put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED

- 1. To note the progress and current position on the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme.**
- 2. To temporarily suspend the operation of Standing Order 7.C-3 for the delivery of the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme only, and to adopt the requirements set out in the National Framework document for the authorisation of grants under that programme only.**
- 3. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer or their nominee to complete grant agreements authorised in accordance with the National**

Framework, in the standard form provided within the National Framework documents.

4. To appoint the Member Champion for Natural Environment, Biodiversity and Farming, Mr R Helliwell, to the Local Assessment Panel and for it to be an approved duty for the purposes of travel and subsistence.

58/21 FEEDBACK FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

The Authority received an update report from the Chair of the Authority regarding his attendance at the National Parks England AGM and Board Meeting.

RESOLVED

To note the report.

Appendix 1 Appointments to Outside Bodies

The meeting ended at 12.10 pm

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Report to COUNCIL

Oldham's COVID-19 Response - Update

Portfolio Holder:

Cllr. Zahid Chauhan, Health and Social Care

Officer Contact:

Rebekah Sutcliffe, Strategic Director of Communities & Reform

Report Author: Jonathan Downs (Corporate Policy Lead)

03.11.2021

Reason for Decision

This report provides an update on how the Council and its partners continue to monitor and manage the impact of COVID-19 in Oldham.

Executive Summary

COVID-19 is still circulating across the UK and we continue to see new cases in Oldham every day. This report summarises our activity, demonstrating how we will collectively manage and prevent the spread of COVID-19 across our communities.

Recommendations

To note the content of the report.

1 Background and national context

- 1.1 In March 2021, a new and more transmissible variant of COVID-19 (the Delta variant) began to spread very quickly across the UK, becoming the dominant strain. It quickly became clear it was far more infectious than the Alpha (B.1.1.7) variant, which was already considered to be more transmissible than the original Wuhan Strain. According to Public Health England (PHE) reports in June, Delta is 64% more contagious than Alpha. The high transmissibility means that Delta now makes up 99% of sequenced COVID cases in England.
- 1.2 On 2nd December 2020, UK regulators granted emergency-use authorization to a vaccine from drug firms Pfizer and BioNTech. This was followed the same month by authorisation for use of the AstraZeneca vaccine developed by Oxford University and in January 2021, the Moderna vaccine. An Oxford University study suggests two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech jab are 93% effective at preventing symptomatic coronavirus, while the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is 71% effective. Protection has been proved to last around four or five months, but it can wane over time.
- 1.3 In January 2021 vaccination roll-out began. Ten months after the first coronavirus jab in the UK was administered, the UK's vaccine coverage stands at about 86% of those who are eligible for a jab (73.5% of the total population have received at least 1 dose of the vaccine). The uptake of the vaccine among younger people has been slow, with just 64% of those aged 18 – 29 fully vaccinated as of 9th October 2021, compared with 96% of those in their 70s. A study from the Officer for National Statistics recently found those aged 16 – 29 were the most vaccine hesitate age group, with data showing less than one in five 16 and 17-year-olds have been fully vaccinated, though this age group has only been eligible to receive a vaccine since August. In September the UK's chief medical officer agreed to extend jabs to children ages 12 – 15.
- 1.4 On 18th October 2021, over 49.983 million people had received their first vaccine dose and 44.833 million people had also received their second dose across the UK. In September 2021, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization (JCVI) announced a third dose of the coronavirus vaccine would be offered to everyone over 50, health care workers, and other vulnerable people. They will be given no earlier than six months after a person received their second dose of the vaccine. Around 30 million people are eligible for the booster shot, with over 2.08 million top ups administered by 11th October 2021.
- 1.5 Cases, hospitalisations and deaths have fallen since the vaccination programme started. Between 11 and 17 October 2021, 1 in 60 people (around 300k) have tested positive for COVID-19 in England, showing an increase of 15.1% compared to the previous 7 days. Between 6 October and 12 October 2021, 5,559 went into hospital with coronavirus, showing an increase of 6.9% compared to the previous 7 days. There were 7,086 patients in hospital with coronavirus on 14th October 2021. Between 11 October – 17 October 2021, there have been 852 deaths within 28 days of a positive coronavirus test, showing an increase of 8.5% compared to the previous 7 days.

1.6 September 2021 has also seen the Government issue its COVID-19 Winter Plan (Plan A). It details a programme for suppressing the virus, with a toolkit of restrictions that could be introduced in England if the NHS comes under significant pressure. The Government's current plan has five pillars:

1. **An enhanced vaccination programme**, with vaccine offered to 12 to 15-year-olds, as well as a booster programme for over 50's and the most vulnerable.
2. **Testing and isolation**, with those who test positive for Covid-19 having to isolate for 10 days, and the same rule applies to over-18s who have not been double-vaccinated when they come into contact with a positive case.
3. **Restrictions on travel**, with testing required before arrival in the UK and mandatory hotel quarantines for arrivals from "red list" countries.
4. **NHS Resources**, with a £5.4bn cash injection to the NHS in England to support the COVID-19 response over the next six months.
5. **Encouraging self-protection**, with a supporting campaign to encourage hand-washing, workplace ventilation, as well as continued mask-wearing in riskier spaces.

1.7 The Government has said that other measures (Plan B) could be required to prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS, though these would only be implemented as a last resort. These measures include:

- **Vaccine passports** – ministers abandoned proposals for mandatory vaccine passports for entry to nightclubs and mass events from 1st October, but the plan given them the right to reintroduce the measures should cases rise.
- **Advice to work from home** – this advice was dropped after 19th July and left to employers' direction, though this could be reintroduced if cases rise.
- **Mask wearing** – masks were mandatory until 19th July in English Shops and public transport. There is now no requirement to wear them in England, unlike in Scotland and Wales, though legal requirements could be brought back, requiring people to wear face coverings in some settings.

2 COVID-19 in Oldham

2.1 As of the 14th October 2021 there have been 40,583 cases of COVID-19 identified in Oldham; the weekly infection rates are currently running at around 361 cases per 100,000 people.

2.2 Currently the highest COVID rate in the borough is in young people aged 11-16 years. This group has the highest rate of testing since the start of the autumn term. All secondary pupils are recommended to carry out twice weekly lateral flow tests. The second highest is in 5–10-year-olds. We have several outbreaks in secondary and primary schools. The Public Health team are working with education settings on outbreaks and clusters of cases, providing information, advice and implementing control measures. *Please see section 6.0 for further details.

Secondary	Primary	Tertiary	Early Years	Special	Staff	Total
155	132	21	9	6	40	363
518	245	55	16	19	41	895

363 positive cases have been notified by schools and settings to the Public Health team in the last 10 days and 895 positive cases in the last 20 days *(as @ 18.10.21)

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- 2.3 Over the past 28 days (up to 17th September), 79,915 people have been tested for COVID-19 in Oldham. This includes 29,501 PCR tests and 50,414 LFD tests.
- 2.4 There have been 799 Covid-19 related deaths in Oldham (up to 1st October 2021). The number of deaths from Covid-19 has slowed significantly since the start of the vaccination programme, however we are still seeing deaths from Covid in the borough every week.
- 3.0 **Vaccination Programme Update**
- 3.1 The original Government plan included a vaccination programme comprising 1) mass vaccination sites run by Regional NHS Teams and 2) local sites run by Primary Care Networks under nationally agreed Directly Enhanced Service contracts.
- 3.2 The national rollout plan was executed at rapid pace and the priority for rollout was set nationally by the JCVI, which advises that the first priorities for the COVID-19 vaccination programme should be the prevention of mortality and the maintenance of the health and social care systems.
- 3.3 Achieving a high coverage across all population groups will contribute to reducing COVID-19 risks in the population and the associated inequalities. All people aged 18 and over are eligible the 1st and 2nd dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (or if they will turn 18 within 3 months). The NHS is offering a 1st dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to people aged 16 and 17.
- 3.4 All children aged 12 to 15 will be offered a 1st dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (including children who turn 12 on the date of vaccination). Parents and guardians will get a letter or email with information about when the vaccine will be offered and will be asked to give their consent. Most children will be given their vaccine at school during school hours, but we are also exploring other methods for those that do not take up this first opportunity. Some young people and children aged 12 to 17 are being offered 2 doses of the vaccine if either:
- they live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)
 - they have a condition that means they're at high risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19
- 3.5 In terms of uptake in Oldham, over 157k first doses (72.3% of Oldham's eligible population age 12 and above) and over 145k second doses (66.6% of Oldham's eligible population aged 12 and above) have been given, with an additional 10k booster shots delivered. Over 1000 vaccinations have been completed for children aged 12-15 (approximately 7% of Oldham 12 to 15-year-olds).
- 3.6 The majority of Oldham's care homes have now been fully vaccinated, with vaccination in care homes to be complete by 1st November.
- 4.0 **Winter Readiness: Flu planning**
- 4.1 In the UK, influenza infections rapidly declined and largely disappeared during the pandemic. Social distancing measures used to contain COVID were even more effective in reducing the spread of influenza. But unfortunately, this means we now need to be braced for flu to be especially bad this year. With COVID control measures having almost completely limited people's exposure to flu over the last 18 months, natural immunity will have fallen across the population. When flu does return, it therefore may affect more people and cause more severe disease than we would normally see in a typical flu season. The
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same will also apply to other respiratory viruses, therefore flu planning is critical to reduce the chance of an influenza epidemic in the UK.

4.2 Whilst Oldham will significantly contribute to ensuring the improved uptake is achieved in all 'at risk' groups, the proposed additional recommended public health actions for 2021/22 will support this work on the following 3 main areas:

- Pregnant women.
- People with learning disabilities and
- Toddlers and all school aged children

4.3 Additional focused work will also be undertaken with all primary school aged children, homeless people, travelling communities and frontline Health & Social Care workers to further increase influenza vaccination uptake to maximise protection and reduce inequalities.

4.4 Key messages –

- Get your flu jab – flu vaccination is offered free of charge to people who are at risk, pregnant women, carers and children aged 2, 3 and 4 in GP practices and 5,6 and 7 via the school vaccination programme, to ensure that they are protected against catching flu and developing serious complications.
- Keep warm – this may help prevent colds, flu or more serious health conditions such as heart attacks, strokes and pneumonia.
- Eat well – food gives you energy, which helps to keep you warm. So, try to have regular hot meals and drinks throughout the day.
- Winter illnesses – outline common winter illnesses and their appropriate treatments
- Get help – signpost key stakeholders to the appropriate channels for them to get help for their winter ailments.
- Troubleshoot – pre-empt any key flashpoints – bank holidays, Xmas hols, etc when pharmacies, surgeries, etc may be closed or running on reduced hours to alert key stakeholders and encourage them to manage their meds etc.
- Harness existing materials and information – utilise national campaign materials and existing channels such as NHS Choices to generate content both on and offline.

5.0 **Winter Readiness: COVID-19 Planning**

5.1 We are continuing with the key elements of our approach on testing, contact tracing, support for self-isolation, outbreak management, engagement, comms and vaccination, and these will remain the cornerstones of our approach for the winter period. If we were to move to 'plan B' nationally or if we receive additional support as an area of enduring transmission, or rates rise to the extent that we are offered additional national support then additional measures may be introduced in line with the national contain framework and local need.

5.2 The majority of COVID-19 outbreaks will be best dealt with at a local level, and we work with a wide variety of settings including businesses and schools to reduce the risk of transmission and manage outbreaks.

5.3 During the winter, PCR testing sites will change their opening times to 8-6 from 1st November instead of 8-8.

5.4 In 2020 the Government provided funding through the COVID winter grant scheme, enabling local authorities to provide direct assistance to support families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals most in need as a result of the pandemic. This

funding is no longer available; however, the Government has launched a new £500m support fund to support vulnerable households over the coming winter. Oldham will receive £2.419 million to assist vulnerable households via small grants to meet daily needs, such as food, clothing and utilities. Some of this funding will be used to cover food voucher support for children eligible for means tested Free School Meals over the October half-term holiday 2021. School holiday food voucher support will also be available over the Christmas 2021 holiday and February 2022 half term.

5.5 We are continuing to work across the Oldham Partnership to provide a system wide approach to support, underpinned with data and insight, engagement, community development, co-production and support from a wide selection of partners. Oldham's Place Based Teams are continuing to work with the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise Sector (VCFSE) to provide crisis and poverty alleviation support to communities, including emergency food support via Oldham Foodbank and members of the Food Solutions Network, emergency clothing and goods via organisations including REEL Clothing Rack and SAWN furniture and white goods, and more broadly through a whole host of groups and organisations delivering crisis and community support. Between April – August, From April-August, Action Together have awarded 122 micro grants totalling £83,462 from the Community Recovery Fund to enable VCFSE groups to deliver ongoing COVID-19 Support to communities.

6.0 **Winter Readiness: Schools - COVID Guidance, Start of Autumn Term 2021**

6.1 Schools and colleges no longer implement specific restrictions in relation to COVID-19 such as bubbles of pupils and staff, limits of gatherings and assemblies, restrictions on events, social distancing, and reducing the movement of staff.

6.2 Schools are no longer expected to contact trace within their settings. Details of contacts will be taken from the case (or their parent) by the national Test and Trace Team. Settings still have obligations to protect staff from exposure and so should still report staff contacts via the national helpline. Oldham Public Health Team are still asking all cases within education settings to be notified to our SPOC to quickly identify outbreaks/clusters and provide support.

6.3 Unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months, and fully vaccinated adults, are now no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19, including if they live in the same household. 18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children and young people until 6 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated.

6.4 All schools will receive CO2 monitors to assess their ventilation, helping them provide a safe environment for Oldham's young people. As we approach the colder winter months, Public Health are emphasising the importance of maintaining good ventilation in classrooms, staff rooms and common areas in school. Some schools are asking students to wear their jumpers or blazers to allow the windows to be kept open.

6.5 As a result of high COVID rates across the region, GM Directors of Public Health have agreed a framework for responding to cases, and outbreaks in schools. This works alongside the *Contingency Framework* to support schools. It outlines the types of actions that can be taken at each level of COVID within a school, from prevention (with no cases), through to a sustained outbreak that isn't responding to measures. This framework will be used by all ten boroughs of Greater Manchester.

7.0 **Community Engagement and Communications**

7.1 As we head into winter it's predicted that we'll be seeing rising COVID-19 rates as the weather gets colder and people spend more time inside. In order to keep transmission rates down and residents safe Oldham Council's communications will be focusing on:

- Promoting the importance of getting first, second and booster vaccinations
- Promoting getting Covid tested twice a week using LFT tests and PCR tests if people have symptoms
- Highlighting general Covid safety – washing hands, making space for other people, wearing masks in crowded areas and keeping areas well ventilated

7.2 With over 70% of the borough having received their first and second jab a focus will be on those groups who currently have lower take up rates and are most at risk. This will involve promoting the booster jab to those who are eligible and encouraging those who have not had their first or second jab to get themselves protected from the worst effects of the virus.

7.3 Myth busting will also be taking place to dispel misinformation and highlight trusted sources, and we will also be supporting local business by encouraging them to apply for grants.

7.4 We are also continuing to find alternative ways to engage and communicate key messaging to hard to reach communities, for example, through Oldham's Community Champions programme, a project delivered in partnership between Oldham Council and Action Together, which aims to support people disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including minority ethnic communities and people with a disability. £225k of additional funding from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund has recently been allocated to extend and expand the programme, focusing on providing targeted messaging and community engagement as we move into the winter months.

8 Consultation

8.1 N/A

9 Financial Implications

9.1 In 2021/22 the Government has continued to allocate a range of unringfenced and ringfenced grants to support the Local Government response to COVID-19. The Council has received £7.737m of unringfenced funding with an additional £0.352m expected grant compensation for lost sales, fees, and charges income. These general grants are available to every Local Authority and the impact of these grants on the overall financial position of the Council is included in Financial Monitoring reports presented to Cabinet.

COVID Specific Grants

9.2 During 2020/21 the Council received 19 COVID specific grants totaling £21.838m grants and at the end of the financial year, £7.951m of this had not been spent was carried forward into 2021/22. All of the £7.951m will be spent in full during this financial year. The highest value grants carried forward are;

- Contain Outbreak Management Fund - £5.341m
- Local Authority Test and Trace Service Support Payments - £0.851m
- Funding for Local Authorities for Support the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Individuals - £0.541m

9.3 So far in this financial year, a total of twelve specific grants have been notified by Government at a value of £11.684m. highest value grants received are:

- Adult Social Care Infection Control and Testing Grant - £2.610m (two tranches)

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- Household Support Fund - £2.419m
 - Control Outbreak Management Fund - £1.997m

In addition, £0.183m is being received via the Greater Manchester Combined Authority in respect of the GM Self Isolation Pathway.

- 9.4 The Council will maximise the use of the grants ensuring that it complies with the terms and conditions of each grant. At this stage it is understood that all ringfenced grants must be used by 31 March 2022.
- 9.5 Furthermore, the Council continues to receive contributions from the NHS via Oldham CCG (as prescribed in NHS Guidance) to support Adult Social Care provision including hospital discharges into a social care setting.

Support for Businesses

- 9.6 Members will recall that during 2020/21, the Council administered the Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) scheme on behalf of Government. This was essentially a mandatory grant scheme for which the Council received a total grant of £28.417m covering 15 individual grant types, qualifying periods and eligibility criteria. The final date for applications for the last round of LRSG was 30 April 2021 and the final payment date 30 June 2021. At the end of 2020/21 £19.556m had been spent, with a final total of £20.092m at the end of June 2021. In total therefore, £8.325m of grant remained unspent to be returned to Government. Every effort was made to issue grants to all qualifying businesses.
- 9.7 Restart Grants became available from 1 April 2021 to support businesses who were forced to close during national lockdown to help them reopen safely as COVID 19 restrictions were lifted. In this regard, on 6 April the Government paid the Council £10.542m to administer mandatory Restart Grants and the Oldham grant scheme opened that day. The grant payable to businesses was calculated as follows:

Non-essential Retail Businesses

- Businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under - grants of £2,667
- Businesses with a rateable value of over £15,000 and less than £51,000 - grants of £4,000
- Businesses with a rateable value of £51,000 or over - grants of £6,000

Hospitality, Leisure, Accommodation, Personal Care, Gym and Sports Businesses

- Businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under - grants of £8,000
- Businesses with a rateable value of over £15,000 and less than £51,000 - grants of £12,000
- Businesses with a rateable value of £51,000 or over - grants of £18,000

- 9.8 The final dated for applications for these grants was 30 June 2021 and the final date for payment was 31 July 2021. The Council received £10.542m to support such payments and at 31 July 2021 had paid 1,417 grants totaling £9.703m, thus £0.839m remained unspent.
- 9.9 In addition to the grant schemes outlined above, there was also a discretionary business grants scheme, the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG). During 2020/21, a total of £7.123m was received to administer the AFG scheme. By 31 March 2021, £3.076m had been spent with the balance, £4.047m spent by June 2021. A further tranche of grant was paid to the Council in July 2021 in the sum of £1.214m. Currently, £0.402m is still available. The grant must be spent by 31 March 2022.

9.10 The Council has also administered Business Rate Relief on behalf of Central Government. For the first three months of the 2021/22 financial year (April to June), there was 100% business rate relief for properties in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors. From July 2021, those properties are receiving 66% relief until March 2022. The total benefit to businesses in Oldham is expected to be £9.798m. The Council receives full grant compensation from the Government for Business Rates it is therefore not collecting.

10 **Legal Services Comments**

10.1 There are no direct legal issues arising from the report, however, Central Government has issued emergency legislation and guidance in relation to many functions affected by the pandemic and it is important that such functions comply with or have regard to such provisions or guidance to ensure that the Council is acting lawfully. Further, the Council is required to maintain its decision-making processes, ensure good governance and that appropriate health and safety risk assessments are in place and operational to avoid legal challenge. (Colin Brittain)

11 **Co-operative Agenda**

11.1 As a Co-operative Council, Oldham is committed to tackling the impact of COVID-19, protecting our most vulnerable residents and communities. We are putting the voice of the resident at the heart of our response, ensuring the voice of lived experience and the people impacted by COVID-19 shapes our approach to mitigation and recover. (Jonathan Downs – Corporate Policy Lead)

12 **Human Resources Comments**

12.1 N/A

13 **Risk Assessments**

13.1 N/A

14 **IT Implications**

14.1 N/A

15 **Property Implications**

15.1 N/A

16 **Procurement Implications**

16.1 N/A

17 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**

17.1 N/A

18 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**

18.1 The response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, and the emergency legislation powers introduced to tackle it, has had a significant impact on Oldham's communities.

18.2 In Oldham we are committed to minimising the impact of COVID-19 across our communities. The steps we are taking to tackle the pandemic and the subsequent recovery

planning, aim to support people, especially those groups with protected characteristics who are often most impacted.

18.3 To support this approach we have established an Advisory Group, made up of council, community and partnership representatives, to support Oldham Council and the wider partnership with its commitment to integrate Equality and Diversity throughout its Covid-19 response and subsequent recovery planning. (Jonathan Downs – Corporate Policy Lead).

19 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**

19.1 Yes

20 **Key Decision**

20.1 No

21 **Key Decision Reference**

21.1 N/A

22 **Background Papers**

22.1 Council Report – COVID-19 Response – June 2020

22.2 Council Report – COVID-19 Response – July 2020

22.3 Council Report – COVID-19 Response Update – November 2020

22.4 Council Report – Covid-19 Response Update – December 2020

22.5 Council Report – Covid-19 Response Update – March 2021

23 **Appendices**

23.1 N/A



COUNCIL

Update on Actions from Council

Portfolio Holder: Various

Officer Contact: Director of Legal Services

Report Author: Elizabeth Drogan, Head of Democratic Services
Ext. 4705

3rd November 2021

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 8th September 2021.
2. This report also provides feedback on other issues raised at that meeting and previous meetings.

Recommendations

Council are asked to agree the action taken and correspondence received regarding motions and actions 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 16th December 2020.

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 8th September 2021 are available online at: <http://committees.oldham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails>
- 20 **Appendices**
- 20.1 Appendix 1 – actions taken following the Council meeting held on 8th September 2021.
- 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 8th September 2020

ACTION	ISSUE/RESPONSE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED
Administration Motion 1: #keepthelifeline	Letter to be sent to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer Letter to be sent to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and Secretary of State for MHCLG	Chief Executive Chief Executive	9 th September 2021 9 th September 2021
Administration Motion 2: Safer Communities: Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour	Letter to be sent to the Home Secretary Letter to be sent the Prime Minister	Chief Executive Chief Executive	9 th September 2021 9 th September 2021
Opposition Motion 4: Government funding for our overlooked emergency services	Letter to be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer Letter to be sent to Oldham's Three MPs and the Mayor of Greater Manchester	Chief Executive Chief Executive	9 th September 2021 9 th September 2021
Update on the Actions from Council	RESOLVED that the actions taken regarding motions and actions from previous Council meetings be agreed and correspondence and updates received be noted.	Council	Council approved the report on 8 th September 2020.
Revised Code of Conduct	RESOLVED that the revised Councillor Code of Conduct be approved.	Council	Council approved the report on 8 th September 2020.
Appointment of Independent Persons	RESOLVED that Geoffrey Millard be appointed as an independent	Council	Council approved the report on 8 th September 2020.

	<p>member on the Independent Remuneration Panel and Bushra Tabassum be appointed as an Independent Person under the Localism Act for the Standards Committee, both to serve for a 4 year term.</p>		
<p>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy</p>	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the new Equality Objectives for 2021 – 2025. 2. To endorse the proposed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for 2021 – 2025. 	<p>Council</p>	<p>Council approved the report on 8th September 2020.</p>
<p>Treasury Management Outturn Report 2020-21</p>	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The actual 2020/21 prudential and treasury indicators presented in the Report be approved. 2. The annual treasury management report for 2020/21 be approved. 	<p>Council</p>	<p>Council approved the report on 8th September 2020.</p>



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Robin Walker MP

Minister of State for School Standards

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Mr Harry Catherall,
Chief Executive, Oldham Council
By email: harry.catherall@oldham.gov.uk

4 October 2021

Dear Mr Catherall,

Thank you for your letter of 26 August, addressed to the Prime Minister, regarding the education recovery programme. Your letter has been passed to this Department and I am replying as the Minister of State for School Standards.

Every child and young person in the country has experienced unprecedented disruption to their education as a result of COVID-19, and those from the most vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds will be amongst the hardest hit. Over the past year, we have made three major announcements to support education recovery, signifying over £3 billion of additional funding. Each has been a step in our efforts to make sure children and young people are supported through their ongoing education recovery, using evidence-based practice.

In February 2021 the Government announced the recovery premium, a new one-off grant worth over £300 million for state-funded schools in the 2021-22 academic year. Building on pupil premium, this focuses on an expansion of one to one and small group tuition for those pupils who need it the most.

We recognise that educational loss is significant and widespread. However, we also know that disruption has been more acute for some pupils, particularly those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable. The one-off recovery premium allocations will reflect disadvantage funding eligibility. In this way, schools with more disadvantaged pupils will receive larger amounts. Primary schools will receive on average approximately £6,000 and most secondary schools will receive on average just over £22,000.

Schools have flexibility in how they choose to spend the recovery premium, and they are encouraged to consider using it to support a wider cohort than the pupils who attract the funding. The premium will be paid as a grant to all state-funded primary, secondary and special schools in England in four payments over the course of the 2021-22 academic year.

The Department has updated the relevant guidance with a short guide to help schools make best use of their recovery premium, alongside their pupil premium funding, which is available at: tinyurl.com/22k6ae5v.

In addition to the recovery premium, a further £200 million was made available to assist secondary schools with the running of summer schools. This programme supported eligible secondary schools across the country to provide academic support and enrichment activities over the summer period. We recommended a focus on incoming Year 7 pupils, but schools had the flexibility to support those most in need. The exact content and structure of the programme was at the discretion of each school. Further information regarding the summer schools programme is available at: tinyurl.com/zbkwxp9.

On 2 June, the Government announced an additional £1.4 billion to support education recovery for children ages 2 to 19 in schools, colleges and nurseries. This includes £1 billion for tutoring, which, combined with the funding for tutoring we have already announced, will allow us to provide up to 100 million tutoring hours for children and young people across England by 2024. This is the third step in our wider commitment to education recovery, which represents over £3 billion worth of programmes overall.

The National Tutoring Programme (NTP) is an ambitious scheme which supports schools to access targeted support for disadvantaged pupils who need the most help to catch up. The NTP is comprised of three elements: a tuition programme for 5 to 16 year olds, a 16 to 19 tuition fund, and a targeted early language support programme for reception-aged children.

The tuition programme for 5 to 16 year olds consists of two pillars. All schools can access high quality subsidised tuition from approved tuition partners, and our most disadvantaged schools are supported to employ in-house academic mentors to provide intensive support to their pupils. Children aged 5 to 16 in receipt of tutoring will receive up to 15 sessions of small group or individual tuition to support them to catch up. Further details are available at: tinyurl.com/YY6ecbPJ. Additionally, schools serving the most disadvantaged areas are being supported to employ in-house academic mentors for their pupils. Information about this is available at: tinyurl.com/Y6rP5d84.

The tuition partner and academic mentor pillars of the NTP will be provided with £218 million of new funding. This is addition to the £215 million already announced to be invested in the academic year 2021-22.

The NTP has also provided funding to support small group tuition for 16 to 19 year olds through the 16 to 19 tuition fund. Further details are available at: tinyurl.com/Y6m52tQm. We are extending the 16 to 19 tuition fund for a further two years, which will be the equivalent of 2 million 15 hour courses for 16 to 19 year olds by 2024.

Additionally, the NTP is funding the improvement of early language skills in reception classes this academic year. Information about this programme is available at: tinyurl.com/Y294Grdh.

We will build on the successful NTP by introducing an additional school-led approach to tutoring from 2021-22. Schools will be provided with £579 million of funding to develop this localised school-led tutoring. Working alongside the scaled-up existing NTP pillars, this will mean that from 2021-22 we will vastly expand the reach of tutoring. This will help ensure more disadvantaged pupils benefit from tuition support.

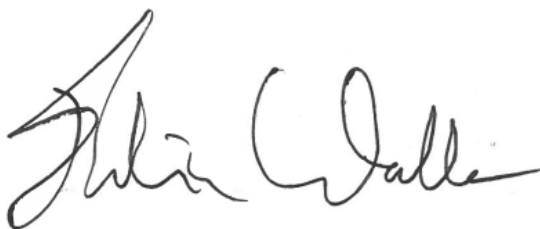
There is extensive evidence that tutoring is one of the most effective ways to accelerate pupil progress. In order to maximise the impact of tutoring and to support schools, the EEF has provided a guide on how to get the best out of tutoring, available at: [tinyurl.com/Y4Jv2Glr](https://www.tinyurl.com/Y4Jv2Glr).

We are also investing £253 million to help provide 500,000 teacher training opportunities, which includes £69 million to extend the rollout of the Early Career Framework reforms and £184 million for middle and late-career National Professional Qualifications. Additionally, we are providing £153 million for training for early years staff to support the educational development of the very youngest children.

We expect that most students will have continued to progress into higher education or employment. However, some may have been particularly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. In such cases, the school or college may have considered that it was their best option to repeat a term or a year. To ensure that those with the least time left did not miss out, the Government offered additional funding for students in their final year of 16 to 19 education, for the most part Year 13 or an equivalent year, to repeat a year where they felt they had been particularly badly affected by the pandemic. Schools and colleges will be funded by the Department to help accommodate the additional student numbers.

We are committed to working with parents, teachers and schools to develop a long term plan that ensures pupils are not further disadvantaged by the disruption to their education and are able to catch up. The next stage will include a review of time spent in school and college and the impact this could have on helping children and young people to catch up. It will also include a review of the evidence on extending the school and college day. The findings of the review will be set out later in the year to inform the spending review.

Yours sincerely,

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From: abrahamsd@parliament.uk <abrahamsd@parliament.uk>
Sent: 15 September 2021 10:25
To: Harry Catherall <Harry.Catherall@oldham.gov.uk>
Subject: OMBC Resolution - Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (Case Ref: DA43091)

Dear Harry Catherall

Thank you for your recent letter, received yesterday, regarding the Council's resolution on the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (presented to Parliament as the Climate and Ecology Bill).

I very much agree with the Council that we need urgent action on this issue.

The flash floods, deadly landslides, and wildfires we have seen over recent years make clear that climate breakdown is not a distant threat but something that is happening here and now. Yet while Parliament declared an environment and climate emergency in May 2019, our Government are simply not responding as the situation requires.

The Government maintains that it intends to green the UK economy and that it is taking steps to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. But as the Committee on Climate Change's most recent progress report makes clear, the gulf between the government's rhetoric on climate action and the reality is vast. Not only are Ministers set to miss the 2050 target that Parliament legislated for, they are not even on track to meet the less ambitious one that preceded it.

Confronted by this unfolding emergency, I am clear that 2050 is too late for the UK to end its contribution to climate breakdown and runaway global heating. According to the UN, we have less than ten years left to avoid the worst impacts of catastrophic climate change. Our government must act with far greater urgency and ambition.

I support the aims set out in the Climate and Ecology Bill which, as you may know, is a Presentation Bill (one that does not involve a debate or a vote in parliament, but is a way of drawing attention to an issue that requires a change in the law). It was 'presented' to Parliament on 21st June as the Climate and Ecology Bill. It is scheduled for Second Reading on 29th October but as the 15th Bill listed for debate, will not be reached and therefore is unlikely to progress unless the Government grants it parliamentary time.

I will support the Bill should it be granted parliamentary time and continue press more widely for bold action to tackle the climate and ecological emergency at every opportunity.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact me on this important issue.

With best wishes

Debbie

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23rd September 2021

Dear Harry

Thank you for your letter dated 8th September regarding your Council resolution on pension fund divestment from fossil fuels.

I write to support Oldham's position on this matter as I agree that Council's should seek to do what they can to improve air quality and public health whilst reducing our dependence on fossil fuels.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor Andrew Western
Leader of Trafford Council**

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From: abrahamsd@parliament.uk <abrahamsd@parliament.uk>
Sent: 12 October 2021 12:48
To: Harry Catherall <Harry.Catherall@oldham.gov.uk>
Subject: OMBC Resolution - Peak District National Park (Case Ref: DA43529)

Dear Harry

Thank you for sending me a copy of your recent letter to EFRA Secretary George Eustice regarding the Peak District National Park (Your Ref: Council – Peak District National Park).

I appreciate you taking the time to make me aware of the Council's concerns on this issue and would appreciate sight of the Ministerial reply you receive.

With best wishes

Debbie

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Oldham
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Report to Council

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21

Report of:

Cllr Colin McLaren, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board,
2020/21

Cllr Riaz Ahmad, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance
and Value for Money Select Committee, 2020/21

Cllr Shoab Akhtar, Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee,
2020/21

Officer Contact: Elizabeth Drogan, Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Report Author: Mark Hardman, Constitutional Services

3rd November 2021

Reason for Decision

To provide Council with the Overview and Scrutiny Annual report for the 2020/21 Municipal Year as require by the Council's Constitution at Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 4.1.

Executive Summary

The report outlines the statutory role of overview and scrutiny; the roles and responsibilities of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee and the Health Scrutiny Committee in 2020/21; and a summary of the considerations and work undertaken by the three bodies during 2020/21.

Recommendations

Council is asked to note the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2020/21.

Council is asked to support the thanks of the Chairs expressed to Cabinet Members, Council Officers and representatives from partner organisations for their support and contributions in the delivery of as full a scrutiny function as was achievable during the difficult times in 2020/21.

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21

1. What is Overview and Scrutiny?

- 1.1 All local authorities with an executive model of governance established under the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) are required to have at least one Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 required local authorities to establish or designate a 'crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committee', while health scrutiny functions were introduced in 2002 and most recently defined by the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.
- 1.2 Article 6.2 of the Council's Constitution, reflecting both the statutory requirements for, and the Council's approach to, overview and scrutiny describes the general role and function of overview and scrutiny as being to -
- a) play a positive role in assisting the Council and the Executive in the development of the policy framework and the budget by in depth analysis of issues arising;
 - b) conduct research and consultation in the analysis of policy options;
 - c) consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options and in the scrutiny process in general;
 - d) question members of the Executive and appropriate Committees and senior Officers about issues and proposals affecting Oldham;
 - e) monitor the performance of partners and of internal and external service providers against standards and objectives, liaising with external and partnership organisations to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working;
 - f) evaluate the validity of executive decisions through the call in process;
 - g) contribute to the identification and mitigation of risk;
 - h) examine and review the performance of Committees of the Council over time;
 - i) play a positive role in examining and reviewing the performance of the Executive in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas, investigating and addressing the causes of poor performance;
 - j) question members of the Executive and of Committees and senior Officers about their decisions and performance, in comparison with service plans and targets, or particular initiatives or projects;
 - k) make recommendations to the Council, the Executive or an appropriate Committee arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process; and
 - l) demonstrate an objective and evidence based approach to scrutiny.
- 1.3 Overview and Scrutiny Committees are established and appointed to by the full Council and are made up of elected Members who are not members of the Executive (that is, the Cabinet). While the Committees are required to be politically balanced by law, guidance dictates that the overview and scrutiny function should be approached in a non-political manner.
- 1.4 To deliver the expectations of the Council as to the specified roles and responsibilities, the Overview and Scrutiny bodies operate within a framework defined by the Council's Procedure Rules as set out at Part 4 of the Council's Constitution. The principal sections of Part 4 as they apply to the Overview and Scrutiny function are –

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- 1.4.1 Part 4B: Access to Information Procedure Rules – sets out the procedural arrangements for the granting of exclusion from call-in and the consideration of executive business at less than 28 days notice, the occasions when Overview and Scrutiny can require reports, and the right of access to information by Overview and Scrutiny bodies;
 - 1.4.2 Part 4C: Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules – sets out the procedures to be followed in the consideration of Budget and Policy Framework related business and its passage through the executive and Overview and Scrutiny prior to submission to Council, and for the consideration of business identified as being outside of the Budget and Policy Framework;
 - 1.4.3 Part 4D: Executive Procedure Rules – sets out procedures to ensure consideration of reports submitted by the Overview and Scrutiny bodies to the Executive; and
 - 1.4.4 Part 4E: Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules - sets out the requirements for work programming and annual reports, the ability to establish Task and Finish Groups and other arrangements for consideration of business, for the preparation and submission of reports by overview and scrutiny bodies, the attendance of others at meetings, the ‘call-in’ process, declarations of interest and the ‘party whip’, and procedural arrangements within the Overview and Scrutiny function itself.

2. Overview and Scrutiny in 2020/21

- 2.1 The overview and scrutiny function in Oldham during 2020/21 was delivered by three Committees –
 - the Overview and Scrutiny Board;
 - the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee; and
 - the Health Scrutiny Committee,
- 2.2 The work and contributions of each Committee to the business of the Council is considered in turn below.
- 2.3 The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic impacted on Overview and Scrutiny Committee business in the form of revised work programmes, rescheduled business and the convening of a number of joint meetings in the earlier stages of the pandemic. Notwithstanding, the efforts of Cabinet Members, Officers and representatives from partner organisations who all contributed to as full a scrutiny function as was achievable in these difficult times were very welcome, and we express our thanks to all for these contributions in such trying times.

3 Overview and Scrutiny Board 2020/21

3.1 Membership

Councillor McLaren (Chair), Councillor Price (Vice Chair), Councillors Curley, Jacques, Surjan, Taylor, Toor and Williamson.

Substitute Members - Councillors Alyas, Akhtar, Cosgrove, Garry, Hamblett and Ibrahim.

- 3.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Board was the lead body for the Overview and Scrutiny function. The Board undertook the statutory consultation on Policy Framework items prior to the Cabinet referring final recommendations to the Council and scrutinised

other policies and major issues, or ‘key decisions’, that it wished to consider. The Board was also the designated Committee for the statutory ‘crime and disorder’ function.

3.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Board considered the following Key Policies and Strategies -

- a) Placed Based Integration – The Board was provided with updates and workshops opportunities which also included a focus the contribution of placed based integration to the Covid-19 response which was mobilised with joint leads from the Council and Actions Together to deliver the Council’s statutory duties. The work undertaken by Officers and partners was acknowledged as representing a true Team Oldham approach and that these experiences would provide key learning for the place-based integration approach. Recognising the importance of the voluntary sector as an integral part of the system, including in the Covid response, the Board highlighted issues of support and training for the sector and of the need for advice and assistance required to support funding bids.
- b) Unreasonable Behaviour Policy – The Board were provided with details of a proposed Unreasonable Behaviour Policy, the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman having recommend local authorities to adopt a Policy to support employees and members in the management of unreasonable behaviour from customers. A revised Corporate Complaints Policy was also considered. Members sought clarification on vexatious behaviours and dealing with complex issues.
- c) Oldham Work and Skills Strategy – The Board received an update on the key components of the Work and Skills Strategy which sought to improve population skills outcomes to support Oldham’s strategic goals. Members sought and received clarification on apprenticeship low pass rates; acceleration of priority aims; the impacts of Covid and Brexit; education and training in the recovery period; and the impact of ending in-work training fund in the recovery plan.
- d) Youth Justice Plan – The Board considered the Plan for 2020/21 which had been created in line with that of the Youth Justice Board and scrutinised detail on the delivery of the service, including performance and the strategic priorities. further information was sought and received relating to school exclusions, poverty and placements for those young people known to the service as well as young people with special and other needs, the performance of Oldham compared to the rest of Greater Manchester, employment and education for service users and restorative justice.
- e) Green New Deal Strategy – The Board were provided with an update on the Strategy adopted earlier in 2020 and further updated on the Oldham Community Network and Generation Oldham. Members asked questions related to youth involvement and funding streams.
- f) Statement of Community Involvement – The Board were consulted on the update to the Statement of Community Involvement which identifies the community involvement in the preparation and revision of the Local Plan and in the consideration of planning applications. The Board raised issues which included clarification on minor decision making, contact numbers and access to guidance during the pandemic, clarification on the Equality Impact Assessment, support for residents in the new ways of working and the transition from paper to

online. The Board also raised concerns related to accessibility, access to advice and capacity which were clarified.

- g) Local Development Scheme – The Board gave consideration to the Local Development Scheme, which set out details and timetables about the planning documents the Council would prepare for the Local Plan and the Greater Manchester Plan for Homes, Jobs and the Environment (the GMSF). The Board sought and received clarification that efforts had been made to track development of the Local Plan to the GMSF and that there was a requirement to adopt an updated Local Plan by the end of 2023. The Board queried the undertaking of the consultation during the pandemic and was advised of work was being undertaken with the Communications Team
- h) Covid-19 Recovery Plan – The Board received an update on the the development plan for Oldham’s Covid-19 Recovery Strategy which, it had been proposed, would be developed based on the vision for Oldham outlined in the Oldham Model, with a specific focus on Oldham’s recovery from the pandemic. Members queried and received response with regard to the impact of Covid on school readiness, the closure of libraries and alternate provision, the use of green spaces during the pandemic, and the joint working arrangements of teams withing the Council, noting that Officers were working much more with much less. The Board sought further input into the Recovery Plan and asked for the Plan to be submitted to the scrutiny prior to final approval.
- i) Homelessness Strategy – the Board received an update on the development of the Homelessness Strategy which had been impacted by need to refocus on Covid-related issues including implementing the Government’s rough sleeping directives, moving services online and ensuring temporary accommodation facilities complied with social distancing measures. The Board asked for a further update to be provided in due course.
- j) Review of the Licensing Policy – The Board received the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy that was subject to review. The Board asked the Licensing Manager to give further consideration to content relating to the provision of or signposting to training, particularly around child sexual and/or criminal exploitation issues, any requirement that could be made for the display of certification or confirmation of training provided, and the inclusion of content related to the government’s proposed ‘Protect’ duty.

3.4 Internal and External Consultations

- a) Community Safety and Cohesion Partnership – The Board was provided with an update on the activity to refresh the Community Safety and Cohesion Partnership Plan, such work not being progressed within planned timescales due to Covic-19. The Board sought and received clarification on the correlation between poverty and inequalities and serious crime; the enhancement of the ability to support by working in partnership; social isolation and keeping safe online; voluntary and community sector training and resources; and consultation on the draft plan.
- b) Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) – The Board gave consideration to the GMSF which, at that time, was due to be considered for approval by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) for publication and submission to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. Members sought and received clarification around how the Plan would be affected by Covid-19; if there was flexibility, particularly around housing and

business accommodation; flexibility across all strands beyond 2023; tackling inequalities; distillation of information to Ward-level; how the policies integrated with each other; and the development of a scrutiny framework. The Board commended the report to Cabinet.

- c) Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040, Our Five Year Delivery Plan and Oldham Local Implementation Plan – The Board gave consideration to new and updated transport strategy documents prepared by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) working with the GMCA, the ten Greater Manchester Councils and the Greater Manchester Mayor. The Board sought and received clarification on the flexibilities as priorities developed; the effect of Covid-19 on funding; the rationalisation of bus services across Greater Manchester; balancing different needs in regenerating the town centre; strategies to reduce short journeys such as school journeys; the availability of a Ward-level version of the Plans; and Greenfield Rail Station.
- d) Northern Care Alliance (NCA) NHS Trust – employment support and local recruitment – The Board received details of the ambitions of the NCA to develop local employment and training opportunities, including work undertaken with Oldham College. Members queried and received responses in respect of timelines and publicity and asked for a further update to be provided.
- e) Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan (GM CAP) – The Board considered the development to date of the GM CAP which sought to tackle NO2 levels which exceeded the statutory minimum. As a linked issue, the developing Minimum Licensing Standards (MLS) for taxi and private hire services was noted. Members had concerns and sought clarification regarding local consultation responses from the taxi trade, implications for owner drivers of delivery vehicles, rising traffic levels as a result of people being less likely to use public transport and being discouraged from car sharing as a result of Covid, and funding assistance for taxi drivers needing to change their vehicles. The Board sought further consideration of issues prior to final decisions being taken on the Plan.

3.5 Services Monitored

- a) Opportunity Area Funding – The Board were provided with an update on the performance of the funding against its publicly stated targets and planned activity for 2020/21. Members queried school readiness and the sustainability of the programme.
- b) Oldham Safeguarding Adults Board: 2019/20 Annual Report – The Board gave consideration to the annual report of the Board which comprised the local authority, Oldham CCG and Greater Manchester Police as the three statutory partners, together with a number of other organisations who work to provide assurance and to protect and enable adults to live safely. Board Members queried the number of Learning Reviews, being informed that recommendations and action plans were developed from each review, with progress monitored and reported back; the role of the police during Covid-19 and the domestic violence element of safeguarding and were advised on the number of referrals; and the ethnicity breakdown and work undertaken with partners and faith groups. The Board, having expressed concern at the number of referrals from care homes and being advised that not all were safeguarding issues, asked that this be clarified in future reports.
- c) Impact of Covid-19 on Unemployment, including Young People and Care Leavers – The Board received an update on the impact of Covid 19 including the

latest data regarding economic inactivity and proposed programmes to address that. The Board sought and received clarification on support in finding jobs for care leavers, increase in the modelling figure, support for people becoming self-employed and the success of grant applications.

- d) Northern Roots – The Board received an update on the project and in progress in meeting set objectives, the Board calling for a further report on achievement of charitable status.
- e) Salary Sacrifice Cycle to Work Scheme – An issue considered arising from the Tax Relief for Public Transport item, the Board seeking further detail on future intentions. The Board noted information provided on schemes including ‘Give As You Earn’ and Salary Sacrifice Share Cost, and sought and received information on the implementation of the new payroll system.
- f) Youth Offer – The Board were provided with an update on the District Youth Work Offer which included an update on knife crime, youth work sessions and the Make Your Mark Consultation. The Board were informed of the impact of Covid-19 on the service and how young people were being supported. Members asked about priorities, mental health, anti-social behaviour, demand on youth workers, interlinking with external partners, tackling drug and alcohol issues, and volunteering by young people.
- g) Thriving Communities Update – the Board received an update on the Thriving Communities Programme funded from the Greater Manchester Transformation Fund and which sought to accelerate the Thriving Communities element of the Oldham Model and to deliver common objectives of health and social care integration. Members sought further detail regarding the ‘Wellbeing Leisure’ Social Action Fund project, being advised of the positive impacts accruing; and the monitoring of success related to the Social Prescribing Network. The non-recurrent nature of the Fund and the evaluation to be undertaken to determine future funding arrangements was noted.

3.6 Council Motions Considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board

A number of Motions were referred from Council to Overview and Scrutiny for investigation. The following were considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board:

- a) Making a Commitment to UN Sustainable Development Goal’s – The Board (and the Health Scrutiny Committee) received and commended to the Council a report that considered the Council’s actions in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- b) Tax Relief for Public Transport Travel - The Motion requested the Government to introduce a tax relief scheme on seasonal travel tickets and asked that the Chief Executive write to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Mayor of Greater Manchester. The Board received a report and noted several Government-led initiatives to enable employers and employees through salary sacrifice schemes. The Board supported the Motion and that the letters be written as outlined in the resolution. The Board also requested and received information related to the Bike to Work Scheme at a later meeting.
- c) Youth Council Motion: Employment Opportunities - The Motion requested the Council to commit to providing quality job opportunities for young people and develop the digital sector within the town. A workshop was agreed to be convened.

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- d) Let's All Do Our Bit to Tackle Litter – The Motion included a proposal for the Council to become a member of the Keep Britain Tidy Network and the Board gave consideration to information provided by Environmental Services in response to the motion. The Board commended the information received to Council.

3.7 Task and Finish Groups

- a) The Board had agreed a Task and Finish Group to address Poverty to ascertain the nature and extent of strategies and services designed to address poverty as well as inequality and disadvantage. A new Poverty Strategy was intended to take account of four main points suggested by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation which included as many people as possible to be in good jobs; improve earnings for low income working families; strengthen the benefits system and increase the amount of low cost housing available to families. A report prepared and considered by the Board recommending various actions to take forward this issue was referred to the Cabinet.

4. Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee

4.1 Membership

Councillor Ahmad (Chair), Councillor Phythian (Vice-Chair), Councillors Byrne, Haque, Harkness, Salamat, Shuttleworth and Stretton

Substitute members - Councillors Al-Hamdani, Alyas, Cosgrove, Ibrahim and Surjan.

- 4.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee considered how the Council and its partners performed in the delivery of services and compliance with agreed budgets, and whether value for money was being provided for the people of Oldham. The Select Committee also undertook the statutory consultation on annual Budget items prior to the Cabinet referring final recommendations to the Council and further considered the performance and value for money of work undertaken with certain Council partners.

4.3 Finance and Budgetary Scrutiny

- a) Scrutiny of Budget Proposals – The Council's overall budget proposals for 2021/22 were considered by the Select Committee. The Administration's proposals were presented to the Committee during January 2021 and reports considered included the Medium-Term Finance Strategy 2021/22 to 2025/26, the Housing Revenue Account Estimates for 2021/22 to 2025/26 and proposed outturn for 2021/22, the Capital Strategy and Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2025/26, the Treasury Management Statement 2021/22, the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22 and the Statement of the Chief Financial Officer on Reserves, Robustness of Estimates and Affordability and Prudence of Capital Investments. The Select Committee also examined in detail the savings and investment proposals contained in the Liberal Democrat Budget Amendment Proposals 2021/22.
- b) Review of Financial Performance: Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 – The Select Committee was provided with regular updates on the deployment of additional revenue and capital grants received in 2020/21 and advised of the financial challenge to the Council arising from the Covid-19

pandemic. The Select Committee were also provided updates on the 2020/21 forecast revenue position and of the capital programme.

The Select Committee noted overspends through the year and the ability to recover these overspends was queried and monitored. The Committee was advised and noted that a number of services were demand led, for example in relation to social care provided by the Children's and Adults' services, and that corporate actions were being taken to alleviate such issues with the Finance Team working to help services manage their budgets.

How the Council was dealing with the financial challenge of the Covid-19 pandemic was considered through the year, Members being variously informed and updated on ringfenced, un-ringfenced, mainstream and Covid-19 specific grant funding, how these were built into the current years budgets, and what the implications for future years might be.

- c) Financial Outturn for 2019/20 – The Select Committee received detail on the Council's financial outturn position for 2019/20 as included in the Statement of Accounts. The Committee considered the budgetary implications of Covid-19 should the Government not provide additional resources.
- d) Creating a Better Place Programme - The Select Committee was asked to contribute to a review of the programme principles and whether these were able to respond to the post-Covid-19 recovery plans, whether the use of public capital funds was justified, and whether the original savings proposals were at risk or could be accelerated or enhanced to reduce the demands and pressures. The Select Committee noted the timescales and opportunities and noted the review.

In a further consideration, the Select Committee received additional information related to the Programme and financial implications, including the town centre vision and new priorities following feedback from local community members and town centre businesses. The Select Committee was informed that, following a review, it had been determined that the Council could still deliver the ambition whilst also providing savings to support post-Covid financial stability with a reduction on the capital programme and a reduction in the amount of prudential borrowing. Members sought and received clarification on progress related to new health centres.

4.4 Performance Scrutiny

- a) Quarterly Council Performance Report and Challenge – Reports were presented to the Select Committee in terms of how the Council was performing against its key local and statutory priorities. Consideration of the reports allowed Members to seek additional information and to highlight those issues which would be addressed in further detail as part of the Committee's Work Programme.

The Committee noted that performance had been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic which had resulted in a number of measures showing declining performance, for example those services which relied on face-to-face interaction had been greatly impacted during lockdowns. A number of measures had also been suspended, for example where these relied on external bodies who had suspended their work for a time. Members queried and sought re-assurance on these instances, querying the status of suspended measures and the development of recovery plans for all areas, and being assured that all performance issues were being monitored by the relevant Cabinet Members and Officers.

The following sections highlight those issues where the Select Committee received detailed performance reports on various matters.

- b) Delivery of Additional School Places and Admissions – The Select Committee was provided with an update on the delivery additional school places and the work of the Admissions Teams. The Committee sought and received clarification on ward preferences, commented favourably on out of borough places which had reduced, and noted reports about the quality of teaching and learning in Oldham, the process of applying for a school place, the appeals process and how late applications were addressed.
- c) Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Inspection Revisit – The Select Committee were provided with updates as to progress on remaining recommendations from the Written Statement of Action (WSOA) that had formed the priorities identified in the Accelerated Progress Plan (APP) monitored by the Department for Education. Despite the challenges of Covid-19, actions related to the preparation of education, health and care (EHC) Plans had proceeded through creative approaches. Considering an example of the work undertaken the Select noted the improvement to EHC plans and the engagement of parents and congratulated the Team for their work.
- d) Unity Partnership Limited Annual Report 2019/20 – The Select Committee gave consideration to service delivery, financial reporting and performance. The Select Committee sought and received an update on the implementation of the new payroll system, sickness due to mental health and stress and the purchase of Unity. The Select Committee noted performance issues related to the collection rates which required collaborative work to put improvements in place.
- e) Employee Attendance, Workforce Covid Response and Fit for Oldham Programme – The Select Committee were provided information related to sickness absence performance, staff turnover and workforce welfare considerations which had been developed in response to Covid-19 and the increased pressures on mental and physical health. The Committee was also advised on risk assessments and future plans including use of buildings and new ways of working. The Select Committee sought and received further information on support for staff, Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and home risk assessments.
- f) Highway Capital Programme: Delivery of Highways Capital Programme – The Select Committee were provided with an update on the delivery of the programme which detailed measured outputs and clarification to the Corporate Indicator (M890(CP) Highways, Classified Network Surface Condition (percentage of principal roads which required maintenance) which was above targets for the annual assessment in 2019/20. Members sought and received clarification on the scrutiny of the standard of work, the impact of Covid-19 on the schedule of works, capacity to undertake AEI and assessment of additional schemes.
- g) Planning Performance: Development Management – The Select Committee considered an update with regard to Planning Service performance in processing planning applications measured against national and local performance targets and which further presented an overview of improvements being made to systems, processes and customer engagement which supported those performance measures. The service implications of Covid-19 were also advised. The Committee sought and received clarification as to the impact of Covid-19 on

communications, the resolution of issues with the Planning Portal, and any problems arising with the new systems. The additional measures being taken to improve performance were noted.

- h) Repeat Referrals in Children's Social Care – the Select Committee received a report providing an update on repeat referrals in Children's Social Care and supported a number of recommendations made within the submitted report.
- i) Children's Services: update on financial performance and improvement plan - the Select Committee received a report providing an update on the Children's Services improvement plan and related financial performance and supported a number of recommendations made within the submitted report.
- j) Local Government Ombudsman: Annual Review of Performance – The Select Committee were updated on Council performance in relation to enquiries received from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO), considering national, regional and local data. While it was noted that the number of cases reviewed by and investigated by the LGSCO was low when compared with the overall complaints caseload, Members sought and received clarification as to any focus on service areas showing a higher number of complaints; circumstances that might generate complaints in a particular area; that complaints did not always mean the Council had acted incorrectly; and that, with regard to the types of complaint, different area of the Council attracted differing types of complaint, for example 'procedural' services against those offering more public contact.
- k) Secondary School and Sixth Form Performance – The Select Committee received data for GCSE and A' level outcomes for Oldham pupils, noting these were below national averages and the gaps between Oldham and national average was widening which was queried by the Committee. Members were informed that Oldham Learning was the Council's approach to creating a sustainable, sector-led school improvement system which involved a range of stakeholders including schools and colleges, academies and multi-academy trusts and that a Covid Recovery Plan was aimed at getting children back to school after lockdown and then working to address the imbalance in performance.
- l) Participation of Young People in Education, Employment or Training - The Select Committee was updated on the current participation and NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) rates, including a summary of activity undertaken during Covid pandemic and work planned for the future. While noting that current circumstances were impacting on young people's participation in EET, the Committee acknowledged the huge improvement in this service which had been of concern to the Committee over a number of years.
- m) Free Early Education Entitlements for 2-4 Year Olds - The Select Committee received a report providing an overview of key trends and developments in the delivery of free early education entitlements for two, three and four-year olds, including benchmarking data, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the availability and uptake of early education, and setting out priority actions to redress a recent decline in uptake rates. Members queried and received clarification with regard to the presentation of take-up data, issues related to the eligibility data available between 2018-20 and provision going forward into the post-Covid period.

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- n) Regional Adoption Agency: Review of Performance and Finance - The Select Committee received an update on matters relating to adoption activity in the period April to September 2020, including measures against performance indicators and examples of the adoption 'journey' for a number of children. The Committee further received the half year executive report of 'Adoption Now', the regional adoption agency. Members queried and received responses in respect of adopter recruitment and the considerations given prior to placements for adoption.
 - o) MiocareGroup: annual update on financial performance - The Select Committee received an update on the financial performance of the MioCare Group Community Interest Company during 2020/21 giving an overview of business developments and considering the current and future operating environments and the issues these presented for the company in 2021/22. The Committee queried and received responses in respect of the reported financial performance and in respect of staffing issues as they affected both the company and the care sector in general.

4.5 The Select Committee did not establish a task and Finish Group or receive a referred Council Motion for consideration during the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

5. Health Scrutiny Committee

5.1 Membership:

Councillor Akhtar (Chair), Councillor McLaren (Vice Chair), Councillors Alyas, Byrne, Cosgrove, Hamblett, Ibrahim and Toor.

Substitute Members – Councillors H. Gloster, Haque, Iqbal, Malik and Salamat.

5.2 The Committee was established to discharge the statutory health scrutiny functions of the Council. The Committee was also charged with scrutiny of the Health and Wellbeing Board (with particular regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Wellbeing Strategy and related matters) and the work of Public Health.

5.3 Health Scrutiny (including related social care matters)

- a) End of Life Services Review - The Committee were consulted on a draft report prepared by Healthwatch following a review to gather the experiences of families and carers who had supported a family member through palliative and end of life care in Oldham. The Committee provided comments to Healthwatch on various matters, including Hospice at Home; Crisis Care; Training; and Bereavement Support. It was commented that there should be a requirement for additional communications and training for those dealing with SEND, and the Committee also addressed the recommendations in general when considering religious and cultural needs. Many of the Committee's comments were adopted for the final report.
- b) Safeguarding Adults Update – The Committee received a presentation providing, in the context of Covid-19, an overview of partnership assurance processes related to adult safeguarding, the Children and Adult Partnership response to Covid-19 across Social Care, Health and the Police, and an update on the Children and Adult Partnership Business Plan. The Committee were advised of progress following from the Adult Safeguarding Review of 2019. The Chair of the Safeguarding Boards commented upon the hard work which had been

undertaken. The Committee suggested that the presentation or similar detail should form part of the Elected Member Development Programme.

- c) Thriving Communities Health Improvement – The Committee was reminded that Thriving Communities Programme was funded from the Greater Manchester Transformation Fund for the delivery of the common objectives for health and social care integration focused on building support in the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector to reduce pressure on primary and acute care. It was noted that some projects had been paused so efforts could be made to support the Covid-19 response. The Committee noted that while entry into social prescribing provision could be made by phone, much information and access was available via websites and email: issues with digital means of communication had been recognised and it was acknowledged to the Committee that further work was needed in this area.

The Committee subsequently received a report providing an update on the digital exclusion challenge both nationally and regionally within the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, with future developments and initiatives in Oldham being outlined. Members queried and received clarification with regard to the lack of IT for pupils attending schools and missing out on education, the support available across the Borough to address digital exclusion, the lending of IT from closed libraries and/or recycling of used Council equipment, and the adding of policy as well as digital inclusion as a consideration in Council reports. The Committee asked the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister requesting the urgent delivery of IT to pupils missing education due to need, and this request was undertaken.

- d) Urgent Care Review – The Committee received a report which provided assurance that provision of urgent health care in the community had been maintained through the Covid-19 pandemic period and the offer to Oldham residents had improved. Members noted the need for change but commented on the roll out of digital services and practical experience and older residents who may prefer face-to-face consultations and accessibility issues. Members also queried access to GPs and patient feedback.
- e) Multi-Agency Early Help Strategy – The Committee received updates on the early help offer for children and families in Oldham in September 2020 and March 2021, which included connections to other areas of activity such as place-based working and to a range of work linked to prevention and early intervention. Members noted the linkages to place based working and the District Advisory Boards and that the refresh of strategy was due for completion by the end of 2020.
- f) Primary Care Strategic Priorities 2019/20-2021/22 – the Committee received a presentation that set out the Oldham CCG’s vision and ambition for primary care services in Oldham, prepared in acknowledgement that primary care was under increasing pressure and struggling to deliver ever more complex services. The Committee noted that issues of staffing and accommodation were similar to ones reported by the Northern Care Alliance (NCA); in response the Committee was advised of a Workforce Strategy and considered the local accommodation issues in the context of GP practices being individual businesses. Pharmacy provision, the need for health education and the need to understand people’s health needs in order to focus on prevention were all examined by the Committee.
- g) Greater Manchester Learning Disability Strategy – the Committee received an update on the implementation of the Greater Manchester Learning Disability

Strategy which set out some of the challenges and successes in implementing the strategy, particularly in light of the Covid-19 situation. Members queried and received responses in respect of various issues including accommodation; training, education and employment; the transfer of care leavers with disabilities to Adult Services; day service provision; and working with carers and parents.

- h) Position of the Royal Oldham Hospital in the Context of Local NHS Trust Re-Organisation – The Committee received updates in October 2020 and March 2021 on the transaction of the Royal Oldham Hospital (ROH) as part of the Pennine Acute Hospitals Trust (PAHT) to the NCA and the benefits and improvements this brought to for the ROH site, the wider development of the ROH site and the next steps and plans for services. Although largely complete, the Committee was disappointed at a reported delay of six months in completing the transaction and some concern expressed as to the implications of the delay. Members sought a further consideration of employment opportunities for the local community and availability of apprenticeships.

This consideration was given at a subsequent meeting, focused on young people but also noting the impact of Covid-19 on the programme. Members sought and received clarification on a number of issues including guaranteed interviews for any learner who has completed a pre-employment course; the number of pre-employment courses; a view as to the development of the scheme; working with schools, the youth service, job centres, other care providers etc.; and access for small businesses to NHS contracts. A further meeting between Committee Members and the NCA Director of Social Value Creation was held to further explore this approach to employment and training.

- i) Progress of Community Health and Adult Social Care Integration – The Committee were provided an update on the integration of the services which had been formed in 2018 in response to local, regional and national drivers for integrated care delivery which looked to realise economies of scale, improve quality of care and enhance the service experience for people with health and care needs. Members queried and received information related to the financial risks both in terms of government funding and potential for demand and mental health provision.
- j) Update on NHS Developments and Planning for 2021/22 – the Committee received a presentation considering winter pressures in the period January – March 2021; national themes and local priorities for the NHS in 2021/22; and the process for developing an integrated model for health and social care in Oldham. The publication and potential implications of the NHS White Paper were noted, and consideration given to the implications of Covid, in particular waiting lists and health inequalities. Further reports on various matters considered were called for.
- k) Covid Vaccinations Update – the Committee received an update in March 2021 presenting the then current position on Covid vaccinations across a wide range of indicators. Members commented on the good attendance at the local clinic which had been provided, received clarification as to those attending vaccination centres, raised issues regarding the operation of both local and national schemes, and suggested further alternate venues for local vaccination clinics.

5.4 Public Health

The Committee noted throughout the year that the Public Health Service was focus on mandated functions related to the Covid-19 pandemic meaning that the public health-related business identified in the Work Programme was regarded as 'pending' until such time as a re-assessment was made of public health activities. The following business from the Public Health Team was considered -

- a) Delivery of the Flu Vaccination Programme 2020/21 – The Committee were provided a briefing on the programme being delivered across the Borough. The flu vaccination programme was known as one of the most effective interventions in the health and social care system but was likely to be more challenging in 2020/21 in view of Covid-19 and additional safety and social distancing measures needed. Members discussed the take-up of vaccinations, financial and staffing support, issues concerning disabled people and carers, and GP surgeries and pharmacies being proactive in the promotion of the vaccinations to target groups.
- b) Childhood Immunisation Programme – The Committee received an update on the local performance on childhood immunisations for 0-5 year olds and the HPV Programme for 2019/20 and gave its support to continued activities to improve immunisation uptake in 2020/21.
- c) Health Improvement and Weight Management Service – the Committee was advised of a collaborative commission by the Council and Oldham CCG for the provider of a new Health Improvement and Weight Management Service and the new Borough-wide service offer, Your Health Oldham, to be delivered by ABL Health Limited, was introduced. Members asked for and received clarification on the experiences of similar projects elsewhere, how the project would connect with Asian communities, support available for people with diabetes, the number of people who could be supported, the numbers of caseworkers and their average caseload, working with employers on prevention, and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on outcomes.

5.5 Council Motions Considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board

A number of Motions were referred from Council to Overview and Scrutiny for investigation. The following were considered by the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- a) Making a Commitment to UN Sustainable Development Goal's – The Committee (and the Overview and Scrutiny Board) received and commended to the Council a report that considered the Council's actions in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- b) Ban on Fast Food and Energy Drinks Advertising – The Council Motion sought a number of actions in pursuit of a ban on the advertising of Fast Food and Energy Drinks. The Committee received a report which presented a summary of the evidence base on High Fat, Salt and Sugar (HFSS) Food Advertising and had made recommendations to the Cabinet. Following a response from the Cabinet received at the Committee meeting held in March 2021, the Committee had resolved to report to the Council. This report was submitted to the Council meeting in July 2021.
- c) Chatty Checkouts and Cafes – The Committee had been asked to follow up an action to consider, in consultation with Age UK Oldham and District Teams, the practicalities of introducing Chatter and Natter Tables in Council premises, to identify where they could be established, and to identify how referrals to such

provision might form part of social prescribing. On receipt of an update report, it was agreed that the matter be further considered in updates relating to the Thriving Communities Programme.

- d) Not Every Disability is Visible – The Council Motion sought the provision of specific signage for toilets in the Council’s estate. The Committee received a report which considered the provision of accessible toilet signage as suggested by the Crohns and Collitis UK campaign ‘Not every Disability is Visible’ and the provision of ‘Changing Places’ toilets and had made recommendations to the relevant Cabinet Member and Officer. On consideration of responses received at the Committee meeting held in March 2021, the Committee resolved to report to the Council. This report was submitted to Council in July 2021.

6. Joint Scrutiny Meetings for Covid-19

- 6.1 During the 2020/21 Municipal Year two joint meetings of the three Scrutiny Committees were held in June and September 2020 to consider the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic upon the Council and its partners in relation to the effect on the community, services and finances.
- 6.2 It was recognised that the system response to Covid-19 by the Council and its partners would be a significant activity responding to the pandemic emergency. Scrutiny could consider how partners were working together, overseeing the systems that contribute to smooth, effective decision making. It was acknowledged that there would be particular services exposed to unique pressures as a result of the pandemic.
- 6.3 As time progressed, it became clear that services had actively responded to the emergency as could be evidenced in reports being submitted to all three Committees which reported on the emergency response, reflected on the impact of Covid-19 in terms of performance, and reported on how the individual services had adapted to maintain service provision during the pandemic.
- 6.4 Membership of the Joint Scrutiny meetings comprised all members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee and the Health Scrutiny Committee.

7. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programming

- 7.1 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 4.1 requires each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to prepare and maintain a Committee Work Programme. These Work Programmes are maintained by the Statutory Scrutiny Officer and Constitutional Services and are co-ordinated in consultation with the Committee Chairs. This approach can allow for the best use of resources and avoid duplication and allow for flexibility to accommodate any urgent and/or short-term issues that may arise.
- 7.2 Updated Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes for each Board/Committee were submitted to each meeting on an ongoing basis, keeping Members and the public informed as to business due to be considered and, through parallel consideration of the Key Decision Document, allowing Members to identify any further items for consideration. Outturn work programmes for Overview and Scrutiny Board, the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee and the Health Scrutiny Committee have been submitted to the cycle of Overview and Scrutiny Committees meeting between July-September 2021, representing closure of the 2020/21 work programmes.

7.3 As should be clear from preceding content, the Work Programmes of all Committees were impacted by the pandemic as resources were allocated where needed to address the needs of the residents of the Borough. Despite the pressures apparent throughout the year, Council Officers and representatives from across the public and voluntary sectors continued to contribute to the scrutiny process. We again thank and express our appreciation to all concerned for their contributions which enabled the delivery of a full scrutiny programme.

7.4 Moving from 2020/21 to 2021/22 saw the implementation of the new overview and scrutiny structure. As Chairs we worked with Constitutional Services towards the end of the Municipal Year to review Work Programmes and ensure that ongoing work and issues were not lost as the new arrangements took shape.

8. Overview and Scrutiny and Procedural Arrangements

8.1 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, or the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs more generally, held certain procedural responsibilities within the Council's Constitution. These were:

- General Exception – where 28 days' notice of the intention to take a Key Decision is not or cannot be given, 'General Exception' procedures apply. These include a requirement to obtain agreement in writing from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (or nominee) that the matter about which the decision is to be made is urgent and cannot be deferred;
- Special Urgency – where General Exception procedures cannot apply and a decision is needed urgently, 'Special Urgency' procedures apply. These include a requirement to obtain agreement from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (or nominee) that the matter about which the decision is to be made is urgent and cannot be deferred;
- Decisions contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework - should such a decision be required urgently, and it is not practical to convene a quorate meeting of the full Council, the decision may be taken if the Chair of a relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees that the decision is a matter of urgency.
- Executive business in private – where 28 days' notice of the intention to take an executive decision at a meeting in private is not or cannot be given, the matter can be considered in private should the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board agree that the matter is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

8.2 In 2020/21 there were three instance of General Exception, eleven instances of Special Urgency, no instances requiring agreement to either the consideration of matters outside the Budget and Policy Framework or the consideration of business in private. Several instances of Special Urgency related to expenditure of Covid-related grants and other related funding.

9. Council Support for Overview and Scrutiny

9.1 The Overview and Scrutiny structure is supported by all Officers of the Council. The Overview and Scrutiny function should expect all Council Officers to provide the same level of support as those Officers provide to the executive, regulatory and other functions within the Council's decision-making arrangements.

9.2 The Overview and Scrutiny function received the following specific support during 2020/21:

- Statutory Scrutiny Officer – the Council is required by the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) to designate a statutory Scrutiny Officer with the functions of:
 - (a) promoting the role of the Council's overview and scrutiny committees,

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- (b) providing support to the Council’s overview and scrutiny committees and the members of those committees,
 - (c) providing support and guidance to all Members and Officers of the Council in relation to the functions of the Council's overview and scrutiny committees.

The role was vacant at the start of the year, with Liz Drogan, Head of Democratic Services being confirmed in this role during the year.

- Constitutional Services undertook lead roles in respect of the Board and Committees, maintaining Work Programmes, ensuring and chasing up actions, and co-ordinating scrutiny activities held outside of the formal Committee meetings, in addition to the general governance activities that are provided in respect of all other formal bodies, ensuring that the Board and Committee meetings were convened and held in accordance with relevant legislative and procedural requirements. Mark Stenson, Head of Corporate Governance provided additional support in respect of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee.

9.3 The scrutiny function also benefitted from the active support given by the Council’s partners across the statutory and voluntary sectors who prepared reports for consideration and attended Committee meetings to assist Committee members in their scrutiny considerations

10. A New Structure for Overview and Scrutiny

10.1 The Council agreed a new structure for the Overview and Scrutiny function at its meeting held on 17th June 2020. That new structure, in brief, comprised –

- a Policy Overview Committee – to consider policy, annual budget setting, big corporate issues and programmes and high-level partnership issues;
- a Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee - to consider implementation and to review both budget and operational performance of Council and partners’ services; and
- a Health Scrutiny Committee – to undertake the statutory health scrutiny role, to scrutinise integrated health and social care arrangements and to have oversight of the work of the health and Wellbeing Board

10.2 Implementation of that new structure was delayed given the timing of that approval and the pressures posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, and the new structure was subsequently agreed for implementation with effect from the commencement of the 2021/22 Municipal Year. As noted previously, the Chairs of the Board and Committees worked with Constitutional Services towards the end of the 2020/21 Municipal Year to review Work Programmes and ensure that ongoing work and issues were not lost as the new arrangements took shape.

11. Ways to get involved with Overview and Scrutiny

11.1 All the Overview and Scrutiny Committees have rolling work programmes which are updated and can be found as part of the agenda for each Committee meeting. agendas.

11.2 Meetings of Overview and Scrutiny Committees are open for the public to attend, except when a meeting considers confidential or exempt information and the Committee resolves to exclude the public. Agenda are published to Council’s website and, along with the dates for future meetings, can be found here [Browse Committee Meetings, 2021 \(oldham.gov.uk\)](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/committees)

11.3 Overview and Scrutiny Committees provide an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of a Committee, providing the issue is relevant to the Committee’s

terms of reference. Questions should be forwarded to constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk no later than noon on the third working day prior to the meeting. Members of the public can also contact their local Councillor about issues considered to be having an impact on their local community. Councillors also have opportunities to raise issues with Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

12. Background Papers

- 12.1 There are no background papers as defined by Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to this report.

13. Appendices

- 13.1 Overview and Scrutiny Terms of Reference 2020/21.

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

TERMS OF REFERENCE 2020/21

Overview and Scrutiny Board

To discharge the functions conferred by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 or Regulations under section 32 of the Local Government Act 2000 in relation to the matters set out below:

1. To manage and lead the development of the overview and scrutiny process in Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council;
2. To be responsible for Member development with regard to overview and scrutiny;
3. To decide upon issues for overview or scrutiny having regard to the Prioritisation Framework (significant policy/service change or underperformance, or an area of public or local interest). Such issues may relate to:
 - a) Wholly owned Local Authority Companies
 - b) Strategic Partnerships
 - c) Oldham MBC
 - d) Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA)
 - e) Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)
 - f) Education (ensuring there is appropriate statutory representation of co-opted members)
 - g) Health and Well-being
 - h) Community issues which would include crime and disorder, cohesion, housing and environment and regeneration issues etc
 - i) Area based issues
 - j) City Regional developments.
4. To assign overview and scrutiny work as it considers appropriate to the Performance and Value For Money Select Committee;
5. To hold to account the Performance and Value For Money Select Committee;
6. To establish and monitor Task & Finish groups;
7. To scrutinise Oldham's overview and scrutiny function (including Member participation in all overview and scrutiny constituted bodies and at Project Panels);
8. To consider requests for scrutiny of issues from the Oldham Healthwatch (and any potential successor bodies) and assign them to the appropriate place for scrutiny;
9. To consider all Call-Ins (In the event a call-in related to an education issue, the statutory co-optees would be invited to participate in that matter at the meeting);
10. To make recommendations to the Cabinet or to any partner organisation on issues scrutinised relevant to those bodies, and where appropriate, direct to Council;
11. To scrutinise a policy/service delivery change directly.

Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee

1. To monitor and hold to account the performance of service delivery within Oldham MBC (OMBC), and its partners such as Oldham Community Leisure Limited (OCLL), Oldham Partnership, etc with particular reference to the Corporate Plan and all other strategic plans
2. To monitor and hold to account those responsible for implementing scrutiny recommendations that have been accepted by the Cabinet;
3. To monitor the performance of the host organisation supporting the Oldham Healthwatch;

4. To monitor the efficiency of OMBC to assess whether efficiency savings are achieved;
5. To scrutinise the annual budget setting and monitoring process;
6. To identify areas for in depth scrutiny for referral to the Overview and Scrutiny Board where performance is weak and to require the Board to scrutinise policy/service delivery change;
7. To scrutinise issues identified as requiring improvement by external assessors (eg Ofsted, Care Quality Commission (CQC) etc) and on education matters, ensuring that there is appropriate statutory representation of co-opted members;
8. To make recommendations to the Cabinet or to any partner organisation on issues scrutinised relevant to those bodies.

Health Scrutiny Committee

The Health Scrutiny Committee is responsible for the undertaking the statutory scrutiny of health across Oldham. The role includes:

1. To discharge all responsibilities of the Council for health overview and scrutiny, whether as a statutory duty or through the exercise of a power, including subject to formal guidance being issued from the Department of Health, the referral of issues to the Secretary of State.
2. To review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its area and to make reports and recommendations on any such matter it has reviewed and scrutinised.
3. To comment on or make recommendations about or report to the Secretary of State in writing about such proposals as are referred to the Authority by a relevant NHS body or relevant service provider.
4. To develop and agree the annual health scrutiny work programme.
5. To scrutinise the development and implementation of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Wellbeing Strategy developed by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
6. To provide the membership of any joint committee established to respond to formal consultations by an NHS body on an issue which impacts on the residents of more than on Overview and Scrutiny Committee area.
7. To consider Councillor Calls for Action for health and social care matters.
8. To respond to proposals and consultations from NHS bodies in respect of substantial variations in service provision and any other major health consultation exercises.
9. Liaise with "Oldham Healthwatch" to respond to any matters brought to the attention of Overview and Scrutiny.
10. To refer recommendations relating to health, care and wellbeing to Oldham Healthwatch for further monitoring.
11. Undertake inquiries related to health and wellbeing issues in Oldham.



Report to COUNCIL

Organisational Framework : Update

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3 November 2021

Reason for Decision

In July 2021 Full Council approved the Council's Covid-19 Recovery Strategy (Corporate Plan) for the Borough. The new strategy sets out ambitions in six areas – driving equality; investing in quality housing; championing a green recovery; creating and protecting jobs and supporting businesses; prioritizing education, skills and early years and promoting health and wellbeing including protecting the most vulnerable. There is a requirement that we have appropriate Executive Leadership arrangements in place for us to deliver against the ambitions of our plan, but to also continue to deliver statutory services and priorities.

The Council's Appointments Committee has met and considered revisions to the Council's Senior Management Team Structure and this paper details a recommendation from that Committee for Full Council's consideration.

1.0 Background

- 1.0 The current operating environment for local government is characterised by challenges at multiple levels. These challenges are associated with constrained finances and rapidly rising demands both in critical services and in areas such as addressing inequality and climate change. It is clear from national, regional and local intelligence that there is a collective ambition across the local government community to deliver strong place leadership; to have more effective engagement with local communities, attract and develop a more flexible and adaptable workforce; and maximise the use of technology because local leaders know their places best and have the breadth of influence to bring all key activities together to make best use of that joint capacity and collaborative effort.
- 1.2 On a local level, Full Council will recall that in July 2021 Council approved the Council's Covid-19 Recovery Strategy (Corporate Plan) for the Borough. The new strategy sets out ambitions in six areas – driving equality; investing in quality housing; championing a green recovery; creating and protecting jobs and supporting businesses; prioritizing education, skills and early years and promoting health and wellbeing including protecting the most vulnerable. There is a requirement that we have appropriate Executive Leadership arrangements in place for us to deliver against the ambitions of our plan, but to also continue to deliver statutory services and priorities.
- 1.3 In order to ensure we have the right Executive Leadership arrangements in place and as a result of the resignation received from the Deputy Chief Executive, in October 2021, the Council's Appointments Committee met to consider a reconfiguration to the Council's Senior Management Team. The structure of the Senior Management Team is designed to promote joint working in the interests of residents to achieve the best possible outcomes within available resources. The structure proposed two Deputy Chief Executive roles – one to lead People focused services and one to lead our Place services including regeneration, economic growth and the services that keep our neighbourhoods clean, green and safe. Led by the Chief Executive, the two Deputy Chief Executives will form the Council's Executive Management Team. It should be noted that this proposal is cost neutral and therefore there is no growth to the Senior Team. The salary banding for the Deputy Chief Executive roles are to remain in line with the banding agreed as part of the Pay Policy Statement agreed at Full Council earlier this year. A review of all management layers within the Council will be undertaken which will achieve a significant saving in future financial years.

The Appointments Committee agreed to this proposal and in line with the Council's constitution are recommending the creation of these posts to Full Council for approval, given the remuneration for the posts is within the previously agreed salary banding of £130,000 to £140,000.

- 1.4 If approved, Full Council is asked to note that recruitment to both roles is to proceed imminently externally for a full recruitment process. Full Council is also asked to approve an update to the Pay Policy Statement to reflect these changes.

2.0 Consultation

2.1 The Council's policy and procedures have been and will be followed throughout the process . The staff directly affected by these proposals have been consulted.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 The revised structure arrangements are in line with the budget available for the Senior Management Team of the Council

Anne Ryans, Director of Finance

4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 Full Council is required to approve posts with remuneration of over £100k under the guidance.

Paul Entwistle, Director of Legal

5.0 Human Resources Implications

5.1 Advice has been provided throughout the exercise to apply relevant HR policy and procedures and this will continue to be the case as the new structure is implemented. The Council's recognised Union have been consulted and are supportive of the proposal, particularly in acknowledging the importance of workforce issues.

Julia Veall, Director of Workforce and Organisations Design

6.0 Risk Assessments

6.1 None

7.0 IT Implications

7.1 Not applicable

8.0 Property Implications

8.1 Not applicable

9.0 Procurement Implications

9.1 Not applicable

10.0 Environmental and Health and Safety Implications

10.1 Not applicable

11.0 Community Cohesion and Crime Implications

11.1 Not applicable

12.0 Equality Impact Assessment Completed (EIA)

12.1 The recommended option has no impact on any particular equality group therefore an EIA is not required.

13.0 Key Decision

13.1 No

14.0 Forward Plan Reference

14.1 Not applicable

15.0 Background Papers

15.1 None

16.0 Appendices

16.1 None