

## ***POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Overview & Scrutiny Committee Agenda***

Date Tuesday 27 July 2021

Time 6.00 pm

Venue Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Oldham, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL

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### MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillors Alyas, Brownridge, Curley, Hobin, McLaren (Chair), K Phythian, Surjan and Williamson

Item No

- 1 Apologies For Absence  
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 Declarations of Interest  
To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.
- 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 14)  
The Minutes of the informal meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 are attached for consideration.
- 4 Urgent Business  
Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair.
- 5 Public Question Time  
To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.
- 6 COVID-19 Recovery Update (TO FOLLOW)  
A report to update the Committee on the Covid-19 Recovery Strategy. (To follow)
- 7 Overview and Scrutiny Work programmes 2020/2021 Outturn (Pages 15 - 46)  
A report to present the outturn Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.
- 8 Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 (Pages 47 - 58)  
The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to note and comment on the attached Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22.



**Present:** Councillor McLaren (Chair)  
Councillors Brownridge, Curley, Hobin and Williamson

Also in Attendance:

Joanne Betts	Principal Officer, Transport and Highways Policy
Jonathan Downs	Strategy, Partnerships and Policy
Liz Drogan	Head of Democratic Services
Matthew Drogan	Business Intelligence
John Garforth	Trading Standards and Licensing Manager
Mark Hardman	Constitutional Services Officer
Andrew Hunt	Strategy Partnerships and Policy Manager
Abdul Jabbar MBE	Cabinet Member for Finance and Low Carbon
Elaine Taylor	Chair of Licensing Committee
Richard Banks	Transport for Greater Manchester
Christine Wood	Constitutional Services

## **INFORMAL MEETING**

The Chair referred to recent guidance, which had indicated the restricting of the number of people who gather indoors. The Chair also referred to the previous regulations, that had temporarily removed the legal requirement for Local Authorities to hold public meetings in person, that had expired and had not been renewed.

The Committee was advised that it had been proposed and agreed that under the current circumstances, the meeting would be held remotely and on an informal basis, to consider business which had been listed on the Committee's agenda.

The Committee was also advised that the Leader of the Council had provided an assurance that any recommendations made at the meeting, in respect of items to be considered at the Cabinet, would be reported to and considered by the Cabinet.

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## **APPOINTMENT OF SHADOW VICE-CHAIR**

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor Brownridge be appointed Shadow Vice-Chair of the Committee for the municipal year 2021-2022.

It was noted that the appointment would require formal approval in due course.

2           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Neil Crabtree.

3           **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Personal and prejudicial declarations of interest were received from Councillor Hobin in relation to agenda items 12 and 14. Councillor Hobin did not take part in consideration of the items.

4           **URGENT BUSINESS**

No urgent items of business had been received.

5           **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions had been received for consideration.

6           **MINUTES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be noted.

7           **MINUTES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY SELECT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the remote meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee held on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be noted.

8           **MINUTES - GMCA CORPORATE ISSUES AND REFORM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Corporate Issues and Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be noted.

9           **MINUTES - GMCA ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the remote meeting of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be noted.

10          **MINUTES - GMCA HOUSING, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be noted.

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## **GREATER MANCHESTER CLEAN AIR PLAN**

The Committee was advised that this item had been deferred until the meeting of the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee scheduled on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 due to advanced negotiations which were still on-going with Central Government.

The Committee was further advised that relevant documentation would be made available in the public domain on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 for consideration at a future meeting of the GMCA.

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## **GM MINIMUM LICENSING STANDARDS**

A report and presentation were received to advise the Committee of the findings of the consultation on Greater Manchester's (GM's) Minimum Licensing Standards (MLS), which had closed in December 2020. The report also covered some of the local impacts of any future policy.

The Committee was reminded that Hackney and Private Hire services are a hugely important part of the transport sector: collectively they provide more journeys for residents and visitors than Metrolink or local rail, and represent a significant part of the economy, employing over 20,000 people across the city region. MLS for all GM Local Authorities represented a means of achieving a range of shared goals, which were outlined within the report. Also outlined within the report was the overall approach that GM looked to providing.

It was reported that the proposed MLS covered the following main areas:

- Drivers;
- Vehicles;
- Operators;
- Local Authorities; and
- Roadmap to zero emission capable vehicles (ZEC)

Details in relation to each of the above were outlined within the report. Securing the above ambitions would require a rolling, progressive programme of reform, with several elements to be designed, developed, agreed and implemented over time.

The Committee was advised of the findings on the GM MLS consultation which had taken place between October and December 2020. Nearly 1700 responses had been received with 59% of responders being from the public, 21% from private hire drivers and 14% from hackney drivers. Details of the headline findings from the consultation were outlined within the report. The comments of the Council's Legal Services Department were also outlined within the report.

The Committee was further advised that officers were currently working through the proposals and consultation responses in order to make recommendations later in the year. Some of the proposals were already in the statutory guidance which had to

be implemented by the end of the year, for example, emissions were covered in the GM Clean Air Plan.



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Members were reminded that Oldham would still be operating as one of 10 separate GM Councils, but as one with a range of shared goals for safe, visible and high-quality licensed vehicles. Further reports would be brought before the Committee for consideration.

Members were also advised of the decision of the Licensing Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 when it had been resolved that vehicles that reach the upper age limit before the closure of the funding opportunities be extended until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, to allow drivers to apply for grants to upgrade non-compliant vehicles and that consideration of the vehicle colour policy had been deferred. The Committee was also advised that a vehicle would not be changed due to colour.

A discussion took place around the consultation and proposals in which the following points were made:

- It was queried why Oldham had fewer responses to the consultation in comparison to other authorities. The point was acknowledged but no significant explanation was known. All drivers had received the same information and been sent multiple emails with links etc. Paper copies of the consultation had been requested by some Hackney Carriage Drivers, either as part of a group, association or on an individual basis, and these had been provided.
- The issue of cross-border Private Hire was raised and how drivers that did not comply with local regulations could be addressed. The Committee was advised that there was no current legislation to deal with this 'loop hole' and that lobbying of the Government was still taking place to address this issue. Good communications to customers regarding this issue was suggested, such as a communications messaging system promoting the GM 'brand' and advice that if a GM vehicle was not used the local authority could not vouch for the licence or vehicle, as the Authority had no powers to enforce local regulations.
- The purpose of the anticipated £20 million funding becoming available was queried. In response it was advised that the money would be likely just for vehicles requiring compliant engines linked to the emissions requirements of the Clean Air Plan. Such grants would be available only to those with non-compliant vehicles. It was advised that financing options were being looked into for costs that may be associated with other requirements.
- It was queried if vehicle and driver standards were likely to change. The Committee was advised that this was likely and there would be reporting on developments at a future meetings.

**RESOLVED** – That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the findings of the GM Minimum Licensing Standards consultation.

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### **COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN 2021-2022**

The Committee received a report and presentation updating on the draft Covid Recovery Plan 2021-2022 which was attached to the report at Appendix 1, requesting comment prior to progression of the Plan to a meeting of the Cabinet and then Full Council. Oldham's current Corporate Plan had expired in December 2020 and whilst work to refresh that Plan had been due to be completed by summer 2020, due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic this had no longer been viable. It had therefore been agreed by Cabinet that a Covid-19 Recovery Strategy would be developed to act as an interim Corporate Plan until at least September 2022.

The Committee was advised that building on the learning so far, and anticipated events, a comprehensive Recovery Strategy had been developed which would help to shape Oldham's approach and vision for the next 18 months, whilst continuing to respond to the pandemic as an ongoing critical incident. The consultation process undertaken to develop the Plan was outlined, along with the six key priority focus areas within the Plan as follows:

1. Driving equality;
2. Investing in quality housing;
3. Championing a green recovery;
4. Creating and protecting jobs and supporting businesses;
5. Prioritising education and skills; and
6. Promoting health and wellbeing and supporting the most vulnerable.

The Committee was further advised that each of the focus areas would form a key strand of the Covid-19 Recovery Plan, with individual actions attached to each priority area and that the Plan would reflect the difficult and challenging anticipated times ahead and opportunities arising as recovery from the pandemic takes place in Oldham. The Plan would also set out how the 'new normal' could be embraced to build a stronger local economy, increase community resilience and public participation, support the local health system, and most vulnerable residents.

It was further reported that the Council's annual business planning process would be the mechanism to assure delivery against the Recovery Plan actions and that quarterly reporting via the Corporate Performance Framework would be provided against identified actions. The Framework would also be redeveloped to ensure oversight of the key performance metrics relating to the agreed priorities as well as to ensure effective service of business usual activity, with an annual performance report detailing progress against the Plan priorities also being produced.

The Recovery Strategy would be launched following approval of the Recovery Plan by the Council, ensuring that the priorities were embedded across Team Oldham which would include creating a full communications and engagement programme across stakeholders and residents.

A discussion took place around the Strategy in which the following points were made:

- The extent of Council control over Plan targets was questioned, noting that the Council did not control land supply for building, did not currently build Council houses, could not control quality employment opportunities etc. The point was acknowledged, but the objectives around, for example, around housing were taken from current housing strategies. Whilst acknowledging that job opportunities might not necessarily be what the Council might want them to be going forward, it was necessary to develop opportunities to attract quality jobs.;
- The ambitions of the Council for several years to keep land for 'quality' employment was noted, but concern was expressed that the Council had then let these go for warehousing type developments. It was acknowledged that Oldham was in competition with other Greater Manchester areas that might appear more attractive. An undertaking to provide feedback as to what Oldham could do to address this was given.
- It was noted that the Priorities listed could not be argued against, but the matters behind these such as the Action Plan and performance indicators were the ones to ensure delivery for local residents. Things such as community engagement were in the Council's hands and needed to be undertaken. It was confirmed that such engagement had been undertaken in developing the Plan and would continue in the long term.
- In considering the housing stock, it was noted that whilst the Council might take action to address poor standards in the private rented stock, that issues recurred with new landlords: such circumstances reinforced poverty and deprivation.
- The need to improve on communications to promote Oldham as an aspirational place to live was commented upon. Young people might leave the Borough for educational purposes but, it was suggested, they did not return. The benefits of the Borough, including house costs, access to countryside, travel connections etc were not, it was suggested, promoted enough.

It was noted that several issues considered had a Greater Manchester (GM) dimension and work to influence GM



strategies that impact on Oldham was being pursued, along with lobbying of government, the GM Mayor etc.



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Returning to targets and monitoring, the nature of these was queried. Members were advised that some could be considered against regional or national indicators. Others would require some qualitative and quantitative work to determine appropriate measures. Further considering community engagement, in the form of encouraging self-help, the voluntary sector and encouraging groups to undertake activity on their own, it was noted that a lot of work had been undertaken in, for example, approaches to poverty, that could be considered in this regard.

It was noted that to manage or provide oversight of the whole Plan would be difficult to do, and it was suggested that Members may be able to look at specific elements where input from the Committee might assist. It was acknowledged that there were various means to consider progress of delivery, such as through a particular focus on particular themes or one Member of the Committee taking responsibility for a priority area.

**RESOLVED** - that

1. The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the Covid-19 Recovery Plan 2021-2022; and
2. The Chair and nominee Vice Chair meet with Officers to discuss monitoring or oversight to report to the next meeting of the Committee.

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**GM 2040 TRANSPORT STRATEGY SUB-STRATEGIES**

A report and presentation were submitted to the Committee to update and consult on a number of sub-strategies that are being developed to support the GM2040 Transport Strategy. The Committee was advised that the Streets for All Strategy: A Summary, as attached to the report at appendix 3 should not now be considered at the meeting due to the updated timetable and would be presented to the meeting of the Committee in September 2021.

The Committee was further advised that the Updated GM2040 Strategy documents had been approved by Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) in 2021 which had included a refreshed version of the long-term, statutory Local Transport Plan (LTP) – the GM Transport Strategy 2040; a final version of Our Five-Year Transport Delivery Plan (2021-2026) and ten new Local Implementation Plans (one for each GM Council).

It was reported that to support the overarching LTP documents, a suite of GM2040 sub-strategies were being developed which set out more detailed policies, principles and guidance on how GM intends to deliver the 2040 ambitions. The sub-strategies, which were at varying stages of development included:

- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy;
- Streets for All Strategy;

- Local Bus Strategy;
- Rapid Transit Strategy; and
- Freight and Logistics Strategy

Details of the sub strategies as detailed above were outlined within the report and appendices considered the following

- Appendix 1 – Note on the GM Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy
- Appendix 2 – Draft GM Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy
- Appendix 3 – GM Streets for All Strategy: A Summary (now to be considered at a future meeting of the Committee).

The Committee was advised that additional reports would be presented to the Committee when available, that timelines were being constantly updated, and that an additional meeting of the Committee may be required to accommodate the timeline/decision making process.

A discussion took place around the Strategies in which the following points were made:

- A query was made regarding proposed Community Charging Hubs, issues of security and areas of terraced housing being raised. The Committee was advised that options addressing these and other issues would need to be more fully explored. A commitment that funding would be made available via the CAP for taxi and private hire vehicles for potential taxi charging hubs. It was recognised that the issue of charging without off street parking was one of the main issues, along with the shortage of land in some areas on which to provide such services. It was also recognised that it would be an offence to place a charging cable on a pedestrian area/pavement.
- The Committee was advised of examples of informal resident sharing schemes that residents had organised themselves. Clarification was sought on the current number of charging points in Oldham. The Committee was advised that there were approximately 15 double headed charging points, mostly in Oldham Town Centre but with coverage elsewhere in the Borough also..
- The role of Housing Associations and other landlords was raised, as it had been suggested that changes would be required to the meter and fuse box to install a vehicle charging facility and that while residents were not permitted to contract the required work privately, it was suggested that a Housing Association would not carry out the required work. It was recognised that it would be important to work with Housing Associations and Landlords to ensure the required work was carried out to

make properties charging facility compliant and a consideration of this issue should be undertaken. It was also suggested that issues such as this could be incorporated into the Local Plan and becoming part of the planning process at the stage of application.

**RESOLVED – that**

1. that Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) approved updated GM2020 Transport Strategy documents in January 2021, including a refreshed version of the long-term, statutory local transport plan – the GM Transport Strategy 2040, a final version of Our Five-Year Transport Delivery Plan (2021-2026), and ten new Local Implementation Plans (one for each GM Council, be noted;
2. the updates on the development of GM Local Bus, Rapid Transit and Freight and Logistics strategies be noted; and
3. Officers investigate the issue of Housing Association and other tenanted properties becoming charge facility compliant and report back to this Committee.

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**OLDHAM'S APPROACH TO EQUALITY**

A report was submitted summarising how the Council currently meets duties in respect of equality in Oldham and proposing the adoption of new Draft Equality Objectives and an Equality Strategy covering 2021-2025 which was attached to the report at appendix 1.

The Committee was reminded that, at a meeting of the Full Council in June 2020, a commitment had been made to develop a new Equality Strategy for Oldham Council, including the adoption of new Equality Objectives and an Equality Strategy covering 2021-2025.

The duties of the Local Authority in respect of equality were outlined to the Committee. How the duties were being met via five main elements to the approach of Oldham were also outlined within the report. Also outlined in the report were the two Equality Objectives that had been adopted and set for four years in April 2015 under the duties of the Equality Act (2010).

The Committee was advised that the objectives now needed to be refreshed to outline Team Oldham's Equality focus for the next four years from 2021-2025. Following consultation with services, portfolio holders and equality leads from across the partnership, it was proposed to adopt four new Equality Objectives that would set out Oldham's commitment for progressing equality, diversity and human rights across the borough as follows:

1. We will identify and mitigate the potential equality impacts caused by Covid-19, informing our response through research, best practice and lived experience.
2. We will provide services that put the citizens' voice at the heart of decision making, advancing equality of opportunity and celebrating diversity and inclusion for all.
3. We will lead the way in championing inclusivity across the borough, working with our partners and communities to make Oldham a fairer place for everyone.
4. We will encourage and enable a skilled and diverse workforce to build a culture of equality and inclusion in everything we do.

Further details of the above objectives were outlined within the report. It was reported that the above objectives would be supported by Oldham's Equality Strategy, which showed how Oldham would achieve these objectives.

The Committee was advised that the proposed strategy sets out the Council's commitment to progressing equality, diversity and human rights across the borough. It also outlined how Oldham would eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and promote good relations between all people regardless of age, disability, race, sex, gender identity, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity, socio-economic and marital or civil partnership status. The purpose and aims of the Equality Strategy were outlined within the report.

The Committee was further advised that the strategy builds on the four Equality Objectives proposed as above, ensuring that Oldham Council meets the general and specific requirements of the equality legislation in everything we do so that equality is fully embedded within the organisation culture and reflected in our values and principles.

A discussion took place around the Objectives and Strategy in which the following points were made:

- How the new objectives and strategy were going to work in each portfolio area through the Covid Recovery Strategy was queried, it being known that Covid had impacted on services as well as equality implications. The Committee was advised that a comprehensive equality assessment was undertaken at the beginning of the pandemic and that it was now likely appropriate to undertake a similar exercise. It was accepted that there was a lot of work to unpick in bringing together the Covid Recovery Strategy and the equality strategy.
- Clarification was requested around the whistleblowing process and the need for a robust system of reporting to ensure that there is confidence in the policy and that concerns will be listened to and taken seriously. It was

recognised that there was a need to increased transparency and for a proper action plan to be formed. The Committee was advised that operation of the Whistleblowing Policy was the responsibility of the Head of Legal Services.

- Information was requested on how the Strategy would be promoted and there was a need to make sure the community understood the intentions of the Council and its partners. The Committee was advised that when the Strategy had been through the formal process, there would be a communications push to promote. There was a suggestion of a formal launch of the strategy involving the community and partners across the public and private sectors.
- Clarification was sought around how progress would be monitored. The Committee was advised that this would sit within or alongside the Covid-19 delivery plan. Further clarification on targets, how monitoring would be progressed was sought, with a suggestion that poverty, as considered previously by the Committee, should be one of the cross-cutting themes.
- Clarification was also sought around engaging with partners. The Committee was advised that external engagement had included the private and voluntary sector, and next steps would include linkage with the GM Inequalities Commission.
- Information was requested in relation to funding, revenue or grants to support the Strategy. The Committee was advised that there was no specific funding allocated to supporting the strategy but that there were pockets of funding within each of the services.

**RESOLVED** – That a report including programme would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee

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## **GREEN NEW DEAL STRATEGY AND GENERATION OLDHAM - FURTHER UPDATE ON FUNDING**

A report was submitted to update the Committee on funding arrangements for activities in the Oldham Green New Deal delivery programme.

The Committee was reminded that the Oldham Green New Deal (OGND) Strategy had been adopted by the Council in March 2020. The Strategy had set a number of objectives and pledges for delivery on environmental issues in a range of work areas, which broadly fit into three over-arching 'pillars':-

- Growing the green economy;
- Low carbon infrastructure and a Local Energy Market;
- and

- Northern Roots.
- The Strategy had also set carbon neutrality targets for Council Buildings and Street Lighting by 2025 and for the Borough by 2030.

The Committee was provided with an update on funding arrangements for activities within the Oldham Green New Deal delivery programme, which sits as part of the Council's overall 'Creating a Better Place' strategic programme. Additionally, the Council's Covid Recovery Plan includes 'Championing a green recovery' as one of its key priorities, which were detailed in the report. It was reported that Green New Deal activities also supported many of the other recovery priorities.

The current position in relation to projects under the following themes were outlined in the report:

- Economy;
- Corporate Estates;
- Housing;
- Spindles; and
- Other Green New Deal activities.

A discussion took place around the approach to identify the finance required to complete some of the projects. The Committee was advised that while much of the programme was funded, £3 million was required to fund the Eco Centre second phase and that while there was a potential £8 million from the Town Fund for Northern Roots, the need to identify revenue funding remained. Other funding sources, such as the Levelling Up Fund was also under consideration.

Reference was made to the application for funding for a heat transfer scheme that has been unsuccessful. In such circumstances feedback from funders was always considered to inform future approaches or applications. It was also reported that an option to combine this scheme with First Choice Homes community heating system could be explored.

It was suggested that the options report for the Towns Fund be shared as there were currently 15-20 schemes at various stages.

**RESOLVED – that**

1. it be noted that most of the activity in the Oldham Green New Deal programme is currently funded, with potential for further funding in the future from external sources;
2. it be notes that 'Championing a green recovery' is one of the priorities in Oldham's Covid Recovery Plan, and that national government is also prioritising public sector investment in the low carbon and environmental sectors as part of its overall economic recovery strategy; and
3. a report be received at a future meeting focusing specifically on the potential for a strategic partnership

with a commercial low carbon infrastructure provider, to support delivery of the 2030 Net Zero target for Oldham Borough; and

4. a supplementary report be submitted to the September meeting of the Committee to advise on the progress on projects identified.



17           **POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22**

**RESOLVED** – That the Committee note the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Programme 2021/22.

18           **KEY DECISION DOCUMENT**

The Board gave consideration to the latest Key Decision Document that had been published May 2021 and circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That the Key Decision Document be noted.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 8.20 pm

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**Report to**  
**POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

## **Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes 2020/21 - Outturn**

**Committee Chairs:** Councillor Colin McLaren, Riaz Ahmad and Yasmin Toor

**Lead Officer:** Elizabeth Drogan, Statutory Scrutiny Officer

**Report Author:** Mark Hardman, Constitutional Services Officer

**Policy – 27<sup>th</sup> July; Performance – 26<sup>th</sup> August; Health - 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

To present the outturn Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

### **Recommendations**

The Committees are asked to note the attached outturn Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes for 2020/21.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 4.1 requires each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to prepare and maintain a Committee Work Programme.
- 1.2 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 4.2 further requires the Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees to collectively arrange for an Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report to be submitted to the Council for consideration. It is intended to submit the Annual Report to the meeting of the Council to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- 1.3 In the interim, the outturn Work Programmes for each of the overview and scrutiny bodies existing in the 2020/21 are attached for noting by each of the current Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The outturns are still, to a degree, 'draft' in that minutes of meetings held in March 2021 have yet to be formally approved. However, minutes of those meetings have been noted without challenge at recent informal meetings of the current Committees and, as such, it is considered they can be relied upon for this purpose. Submission of the outturn work programmes will bring a formal conclusion to the 2020/21 overview and scrutiny programme and complement the Annual Report submission to Council.
- 1.4 All three outturns are being submitted to the three current Committees due to the transfer of responsibilities that occurred on implementation of the new overview and scrutiny arrangements in May 2021.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the 2020/21 outturn work programmes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee and the Health Scrutiny Committee be noted.

## **3. Appendices**

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| Appendix 1 | Overview and Scrutiny Board Outturn Work Programme 2020/21  |
| Appendix 2 | Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee Outturn Work Programme 2020/21 |
| Appendix 3 | Health Scrutiny Committee Outturn Work Programme 2020/21  |

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## WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21 - OUTTURN

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### WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21 - OUTTURN

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Summary of issue	Outcome/Resolution
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2020  (Joint meeting with Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee and Health Scrutiny Committee)	Covid-19 – Scrutiny Briefing	To provide an update on the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic and allow scrutiny Members to ask questions relating to that response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members noted that it would be wrong not to acknowledge the work of Officers and of partner organisations in the local response to the Covid pandemic.</li> <li>• The Chair noted conclusion of the presentations and the question and answer session, suggesting it was necessary for the Joint Committee to meet further and collate information to be used to support lobbying of MPs and other parties.</li> <li>• Noted that some consideration of inequalities would need to be given at a future meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The Equalities Strategy to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p>
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Place Based Integration	Update on Progress	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the update provided on Place Based Integration be noted;</li> <li>2. the Board Task and Finish Group considering Place Based Integration be taken forward.</li> </ol> <p>A Workshop and wider briefings for elected Members were held prior to further report to the Board in March 2021.</p>
	Poverty Task and Finish Group	Update	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the Overview and Scrutiny Board Poverty Task and Finish Group assist in the update of the Council’s Poverty Strategy;</li> <li>2. the terms of reference for the Poverty Task and Finish Group be reviewed in light of the forthcoming Workshop for senior Councillors, senior Officers and partners as reported to the Board by the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Covid-19 Response.</li> </ol>

			The Task and Finish Group met and contributed to the report on Poverty considered by the Board in March 2021.
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020	Statement of Community Involvement	Consultation	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the proposed policy and the comments made by the Overview and Scrutiny Board members be noted.
	Customer Services Strategy: Unreasonable Behaviour	Consultation	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The Unreasonable Behaviour Policy and updated Corporate Complaints Policy be noted. 2. The comments provided by members be noted. 3. The updated policies be circulated to members.
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Local Development Scheme	Policy Update	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the recommended revisions to the Local Development Scheme be supported and it be agreed that the go forward for approval.
	Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report	Annual reporting	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The Oldham Adults Safeguarding Board Annual Report and the tremendous work undertaken in the 12-month period be noted. 2. A Task and Finish Group be established to explore issues of ethnicity and safeguarding, the terms of reference for which to be considered by the Chair and Councillor Toor.
	Council Motions Update: Tax Relief for Public Transport	Motion referred from Council	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The Board would support asking the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to request that the Government introduces a tax relief scheme on seasonal travel tickets (following the principles outlined in Mr. Johnson's Telegraph article in 2013), making this effective as soon as possible and to the Mayor of Greater Manchester saying that we all should support such a scheme. 2. The Pay and Reward Team report to the next meeting of the Board on matters relating to the offering of a Bike to Work Scheme.

	Youth Council: Employment and Apprenticeships	Motion referred from Council	<b>RESOLVED</b> that a workshop be convened with the Youth Council and relevant officers to address the resolutions in the Youth Council motions relating to the development of the digital sector in the town, the review of apprenticeships across Oldham and offering of digital apprenticeships by the Council.
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2020  (Joint meeting with Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee and Health Scrutiny Committee)	Covid-19 – Scrutiny Briefing	To provide an update on the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic and allow scrutiny Members to ask questions relating to that response.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that: 1. The information provided be noted. 2. The questions and responses provided be noted.
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Get Oldham Working and Career Advancement Services (Work and Skills Strategy)	Update on the strategy	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The update be noted. 2. The recovery plan to be put in place for the next twelve months be brought to the Board for review. 3. The revised Strategy be brought to the Board.  The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.
	Impact of Covid 19 on Unemployment, Including Young People and Care Leavers		<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The update be noted. 2. The update on the Covid-19 recovery plan be brought to the Board at the earliest opportunity.  The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.

	Community Safety and Cohesion Partnership	Policy Update	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The update be noted. 2. Once the draft plan had been put together, it would be circulated to Board Members for their comments.
	Update on Northern Roots	Update on Project	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The appointment of further Independent Directors be noted. 2. The appointment of an Independent Director as Chair be recommended. 3. An update be provided to the Board when charitable status was established. 4. The update be noted.  The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.
	Salary Sacrifice Cycle to Work Scheme	Update on salary scheme	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The update be noted. 2. HR be requested to provide information on the timeline for the payroll system to be circulated to the Board.
	'Let's All Do Our Bit to Tackle Litter'	Council Motion Update	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The information contained in the report be noted. 2. The update as provided in the report be included in the next Council action update. 3. An update be received when available from Environmental Services related to Charity Bins.
	Amendment to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals	Council Motion Update	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the inclusion of the Amendment to the report not be agreed or commended to Council.
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Greater Manchester Spatial Framework	Consultation on the proposed Spatial Framework	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> The following be recommended to Cabinet: 1. That the GMSF: Publication draft 2020, including site allocations and green belt boundary amendments, and reference to the potential use of compulsory purchase powers to assist with site assembly and the

			<p>supporting background documents, for publication pursuant to Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 for a period for representations between 1 December 2020 and 26 January 2021 be approved.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. That the GMSF: Publication Draft 2020 be approved for submission to the Secretary of State for examination following the period for representations.</li> <li>3. That delegation to Director of Economy authority to approve the relevant Statement of Common Ground(s) required pursuant to the National Planning Policy Framework 2018 be approved.</li> <li>4. That delegation to the Greater Manchester Lead Chief Executive, Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, in consultation with Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett the Portfolio Leader for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure to make minor or non-material amendments to the GMSF: Publication Draft 2020 and background documents prior to their publication be approved.</li> </ol>
	GM2040 Transport Strategy	Update on matters related to the Strategy	<p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It be noted that on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020, the Cabinet would be recommended to endorse the refreshed Greater Manchester Transport Strategy and the final version of Our Five-Year Delivery Plan for approval by GMCA and publication in December 2020, alongside Greater Manchester's Plan for Homes, Jobs and the Environment (GMSF), subject to the correction of a small number of errors identified in Appendix D.</li> <li>2. It be noted that on, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 the Cabinet would be recommended to approve the Oldham Local Implementation Plan for publication as an appendix to Our Five-Year Deliver Plan, acknowledging that this was a 'live' document and would be subject to regular review and update as appropriate.</li> <li>3. It be noted that, on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020, the Cabinet would be recommended to delegate authority to the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Culture to approve future updates of the Oldham Local Implementation Plan.</li> <li>4. An update be brought to the Board in six months.</li> </ol> <p>The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p>



Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	Green New Deal Strategy and Generation Oldham	Update on the action plan and scheme	<p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The progress of a wide range of initiatives under the Oldham Green New Deal programme, despite the challenge of Covid-19, be noted.</li> <li>2. The recognition of Oldham's pioneering Green New Deal approach be noted</li> <li>3. The evolving approach to meeting the Council 2025 and Borough 2030 carbon neutrality targets be noted.</li> <li>4. The range of funding streams being made available by the Government to support the low carbon transition be noted.</li> <li>5. The payment of capital and interest by Oldham Community Power to its members, approved at the 2020 Annual General Meeting and the integration of its approach to a Phase 2 into wider community level Green New Deal initiatives be noted.</li> <li>6. A further update on the Strategy and Funding be provide to the Overview and Scrutiny Board in March 2021.</li> </ol> <p>The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p>
	Youth Justice Plan	Annual Report	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the update and information provided on the Youth Justice Plan be noted.</p>
	Youth Offer	An update on the Council's Youth Offer	<p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The update and information provided on the Youth Offer be noted.</li> <li>2. A meeting be organised for the Overview and Scrutiny Board members to meet with the Youth Council, Cabinet member and Head of the Youth Service to discuss how the Board could provide support.</li> </ol>
	Opportunity Area Funding	Update on the Funds	<p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The update and information provided on the Opportunity Area Funding be noted.</li> <li>2. A further update on the programme be provided to Overview and Scrutiny in September 2021.</li> </ol> <p>The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p>

	Local Plan: Issues and Options	Update	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information related to the Local Plan Issues and Options be noted.
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Covid-19 Recovery Plan	Consultation on the draft Plan	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The update and information provided on the Covid-19 Recovery Plan be noted. 2. A further update on the Recovery Plan be provided to Overview and Scrutiny in March 2021.  The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.
	Homelessness Strategy 2021	Review of Strategy	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The update and information provided on the Homelessness Strategy 2021 be noted. 2. Questions from Members to be sent to Constitutional Services on the strategy by the end of the week. 3. A further update on the strategy be provided to Overview and Scrutiny at a future meeting.  The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.
	Poverty	Report on an issue considered via a Board Task and Finish Group	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The presentation be noted. 2. The report be referred to Cabinet.
	Northern Care Alliance NHS Group - Employment Support and Local Recruitment		<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The report be noted. 2. A future update be brought to the Board in May 2021.  The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.
	Corporate Complaints Policy and the	Consultation on the reviews of the Policies	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the policies be endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

	Unreasonable Behaviour Policy		
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	GM Clean Air Plan	Update on development of the Plan	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	Licensing Policy	Consultation on the review of the Policy	<b>RESOLVED</b> that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the report be noted;</li> <li>2. subject to a consideration by the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager as to content relating to the provision of or signposting to training and to the display of certification or confirmation of training provided as discussed by the Committee, and the inclusion of content related to the proposed Protect duty, the adoption of the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy by the Council be endorsed</li> </ol>
	Place Based Model	Update on development of the Place Based Model	<b>RESOLVED</b> that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the update on the development of the Place Based Model be noted;</li> <li>2. a further update be provided in 12 months time</li> </ol> <p>The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p>
	Thriving Communities	Update on the Programme	<b>RESOLVED</b> that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the progress made with delivery of the Thriving Communities programme to date and the proposal to bring the Programme together with the wider Communities strand of the Council's transformation programme be noted;</li> <li>2. the Board receive the final Thriving Communities Programme evaluation report in March 2022.</li> </ol> <p>The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p>

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**WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21 - OUTTURN**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Summary of issue</b>	<b>Outcome/Resolution</b>
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2020  (Joint meeting with Overview and Scrutiny Board and Health Scrutiny Committee)	Covid-19 – Scrutiny Briefing	To provide an update on the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic and allow scrutiny Members to ask questions relating to that response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members noted that it would be wrong not to acknowledge the work of Officers and of partner organisations in the local response to the Covid pandemic.</li> <li>• The Chair noted conclusion of the presentations and the question and answer session, suggesting it was necessary for the Joint Committee to meet further and collate information to be used to support lobbying of MPs and other parties.</li> <li>• Noted that some consideration of inequalities would need to be given at a future meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The Equalities Strategy to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p>
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Financial Outturn for 2019/20	Financial Update/Monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council’s financial position for the financial year 2019/20 be noted.
	Quarter 4 Performance Report	Corporate Performance Update/monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	Creating a Better Place	Review Principles	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the proposed review of Creating a Better Place and the review principles be noted.
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	Delivery of Additional School Places and Admissions	To include medium and long-term planning	<p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The update on the Delivery of School Places and Admissions be noted.</li> <li>2. The PVFM Select Committee received an update in 12 months’ time.</li> </ol> <p>The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p>

	Financial Resilience of Local Authorities And Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 Month 3	Financial Update/Monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Select Committee note the financial position of the Council as outlined in the report and the information provided.
	Unity Partnership	Performance Report	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Unity Partnership Limited End of Year Reports including the summary of performance be noted.
	SEND	Performance Plan and progress against the Written Statement of Action (WSOA)	<p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Local Partnership be commended for the significant improvement in the timeliness identified in the national data and the ongoing improvements to quality and consistency of EHC plans being delivered and quality assured through effective partnership.</li> <li>2. An update report be provided to the PVFM Select Committee in February 2021 on the revisions made to the APP and progress made to address the two areas of the original written statement of action not signed off in the revisit letter.</li> </ol> <p>Item further considered by Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</p>
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2020  (Joint meeting with Overview and Scrutiny Board and Health Scrutiny Committee)	Covid-19 – Scrutiny Briefing	To provide an update on the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic and allow scrutiny Members to ask questions relating to that response.	<p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The information provided be noted.</li> <li>2. The questions and responses provided be noted.</li> </ol>
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	Quarter 1 Performance Report	Corporate Performance Update/monitoring	<p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Corporate Performance Report June 2020 be noted.</li> <li>2. The information and updates provided at the meeting be noted.</li> </ol>

	Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 Month 4	Budget Update/Monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the financial position of the Council as presented in the report be noted.
	Improving Attendance and Health and Wellbeing	Progress Report on Sickness Absence and Fit for Oldham Programme.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the update on Employee Attendance, Workforce Covid Response and the Fit for Oldham Programme be noted.
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 Month 5	Budget Update/Monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	Highways Capital Programme	Delivery performance issue	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the actual detailed measured successful outputs of the programme so far, the ongoing detailed interactive monitoring of the programme and the need to review, update and expand the corporate indicator(s) accordingly be noted.
	Creating a Better Place	Delivery performance issue	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 'Creating a Better Place' as a revised comprehensive vision and strategic framework for the borough to deliver the ambition for regeneration, homes, jobs and skills-pathways be endorsed.</li> <li>2. The proposed amendments to the Council's capital programme to accelerate economic recovery be noted.</li> <li>3. The acceleration of the potential for contributing revenue savings to the Council's financial plans be noted.</li> </ol>
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 Month 6	Budget Update/Monitoring	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Finance Update – Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 at Month 6 be noted.</li> <li>2. A further updated be provided at the next meeting of the Select Committee.</li> </ol>



	Planning	Performance issue, including major and minor applications response times	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the performance of the Planning Service be noted especially with regard to performance levels pre/post Covid-19 restrictions being introduced and additional measures being introduced within the team to provide continued improvement.
	Repeat Referrals in Children's Social Care	Performance Issue	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the recommendations as contained within the sensitive report be noted.
	Ofsted – Children's Services	Update on Financial Performance and update on Improvement Plan	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the recommendations as contained within the sensitive report be noted.
	Update on General Matters		<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The Update on General Matters be noted. 2. The Select Committee Work Programme be reviewed to incorporate increased scrutiny around financial resilience.
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Administration Budget Proposals and related Matters	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22;  Revenue Budget 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 - 2025/26;	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> a) The Council Tax Reduction scheme be unchanged in 2020/21. b) The financial position during 2021/22 be reviewed to assess whether resources could be found to support additional Exceptional Hardship Payments to support those residents in most need in 2021/22 and to alleviate the impact of the loss of COVID Hardship Fund grant awards.  <b>RESOLVED that the Select Committee accepted and commended to Cabinet:-</b> 1. The policy landscape and economic context in which the Council was setting its revenue budget for 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2023/24. 2. The impact of Oldham Council Policies and Strategies on the Council's budget setting process and the development of its Medium Term Financial Strategy. 3. The financial forecasts for 2021/22 to 2023/24 having regard to the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement and associated funding announcements. 4. The key issues to be addressed in continuing to respond to the financial challenges facing the Council.

		<p>Housing Revenue Account Estimates for 2021/22 - 2025/26 and Proposed Outturn for 2020/21;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. The proposal that the Council reviews its financial position during 2021/22 to determine if it is able to provide additional Council Tax hardship relief.</li> <li>6. The reaffirmation of the Council's commitment to the modified Housing Benefits scheme, a discretionary local scheme which allows the Council to disregard the value of any War Disablement Pension or War Widows Pension over and above statutory disregard limits.</li> <li>7. The recurrent 2021/22 Budget Reduction Proposals at a value of £8.793m.</li> <li>8. Flexible Use of Capital Receipts at a value of £2.000m.</li> <li>9. The proposed use of £42.578m of reserves to balance the 2021/22 budget including £0.127m for a one off budget reduction.</li> <li>10. The proposed use of £12.012m of reserves to support the 2022/23 budget.</li> <li>11. The approach to managing the budget during the COVID pandemic and the continuation of budget management measures introduced in 2020/21 as outlined in Paragraphs 12.6 to 12.11.</li> <li>12. The proposed fees and charges schedule included at Appendix 7.</li> <li>13. The draft pay policy statement included at Appendix 10.</li> <li>14. A proposed 2021/22 Council Tax increase of 2.99% for Oldham Council services resulting in the charges set out at paragraph 15.3 and Table 29 of the report.</li> <li>15. The proposal to draw on the Collection Fund for major preceptors of £115.669m for Borough Wide services and £98.552m for Council services.</li> <li>16. The proposed net revenue expenditure budget for 2021/22 for the Council set at £253.944m.</li> <li>17. Revised estimated budget reduction targets of £32.185m for 2022/23 and £21.564m for 2023/24 before any use of reserves and indicative budget proposals.</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED that the following be accepted:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forecast HRA outturn for 2020/21 (as per Appendix A)</li> <li>2. Proposed HRA budget for 2021/22 (as per Appendix B)</li> <li>3. Strategic estimates for 2021/22 to 2025/26 (as per Appendix D)</li> <li>4. Proposed increase to dwelling rents for all properties by 1.5%.</li> <li>5. Proposed increase to non-dwelling rents as per individual contracts.</li> <li>6. Proposal that service charges were unchanged.</li> </ol>
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		Capital Programme & Capital Strategy for 2021/22 - 2025/26;	<p>7. Proposal to set Extra Care Housing concierge charges to fully recover actual costs; and</p> <p>8. That the report be commended to Cabinet.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that the following be accepted and recommended to Cabinet:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Capital Strategy for 2021/22 to 2025/26 at Appendix 1 of the report and summarised at section 2.1.</li> <li>2. The capital programme for 2021/22 and indicative programmes for 2022/23 to 2025/26 at Annex C of Appendix 1 and summarised at sections 2.2 to 2.6 of the report.</li> <li>3. The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy as presented at Annex D of Appendix 1.</li> </ol>
		Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2021/22;	<p><b>RESOLVED that the following be accepted and recommended to Cabinet:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capital Expenditure Estimates as per paragraph 2.1.2;</li> <li>2. MRP policy and method of calculation as per Appendix 1;</li> <li>3. Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) Projections as per paragraph 2.2.4.</li> <li>4. Projected treasury position as at 31 March 2021 as per paragraph 2.3.3.</li> <li>5. Treasury Limits as per section 2.4.</li> <li>6. Borrowing Strategy for 2021/22 as per section 2.6</li> <li>7. Annual Investment Strategy as per section 2.10 including risk management and the creditworthiness policy at section 2.11.</li> <li>8. Level of investment in specified and non-specified investments detailed at Appendix 5.</li> </ol>
		Section 151 Officer Report	<p><b>RESOLVED that the following be accepted:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The proposed General Fund Balance currently calculated for 2021/22 at £15.641m.</li> <li>2. The initial estimate of General Fund Balances to support the Medium Term Financial Strategy was as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £17.349m for 2022/23 and</li> <li>• £18.602m for 2023/24.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. The intended report to be presented to the Audit Committee on Earmarked Reserves to ensure this area was subject to appropriate scrutiny.</li> </ol>

			<p>4. The actions necessary to secure a properly balanced budget as presented in paragraph 3.6.</p> <p>5. The actions necessary to ensure the prudence of the capital investments as noted in Section 4.</p>
	Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 Month 8	Budget Update/Monitoring	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the following be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forecast revenue outturn for 2020/21 at month 8 being a £8.330m adverse variance having regard to the action being taken to manage expenditure</li> <li>2. The forecast positions for the Dedicated Schools Grant, Housing Revenue Account and Collection Fund.</li> <li>3. Use of reserves as detailed in Appendix 1 to Annex 1</li> <li>4. The revised capital programme for 2020/21 to 2024/25 at Month 8 as presented in Annex 2.</li> </ol>
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Opposition Budget Proposals	Budget item	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that none of the Budget Reduction proposals be recommended to the Cabinet for adoption.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Liberal Democrat Alternative Investment Proposals and Capital Programme proposals be noted.</p>
	Quarter 2 Performance Report	Corporate Performance Update/monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	SEND	Revisions made to the APP and progress made to address the two areas of the original written statement of action not signed off in the revisit letter	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the SEND Local Partnership be commended for maintaining the significant ongoing improvements to quality and consistency of Education, Health and Care plans being delivered and quality assured through effective partnership work. In addition to the strong positive focus on attending schools and settings, despite the challenges presented by the Coronavirus situation;</li> <li>2. update reports be submitted to the Committee in August 2021 on (i) the completion of the actions identified in area 3 and continuing progress made to improve attendance, reduce exclusions and raise achievement for children and young people with SEND; and (ii) on the SEND strategy and refinements made to deliver strong recovery for children and young people with SEND.</li> </ol>

			The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Quarter 3 Performance Report	Corporate Performance Update/monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Corporate Performance Report December 2020 be noted.
	Secondary School Performance	Oversight of performance, including Sixth Form College results and Academy sponsors	<b>RESOLVED</b> that 1. the secondary school and sixth form performance be noted; 2. the sector-led school improvement activity be noted.
	Not in Education, Employment or Training Position (NEET/EET)	Performance and Progress Report	<b>RESOLVED</b> that 1. the improvement in services provided to promote the participation of young people in education, employment and training be noted; 2. the current landscape and experiences of 16-18 year olds which is impacting on their participation in education, employment or training be noted.
	Free Early Education Entitlements for 2, 3 and 4 Year Olds	Overview of Key Trends and Developments	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	MioCare	Annual Update on Financial Performance	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	Regional Adoption Agency	Review of Performance and Finance	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	Local Government Ombudsman	Annual Review of Performance	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review of Performance be noted.

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# **HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

## **WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21 - OUTTURN**

## HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21 - OUTTURN

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Summary of issue	Outcome/Resolution
<p>Wednesday, 3rd June 2020</p> <p>(Joint meeting with Overview and Scrutiny Board and Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee)</p>	<p>Covid-19 – Scrutiny Briefing</p>	<p>To provide an update on the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic and allow scrutiny Members to ask questions relating to that response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members noted that it would be wrong not to acknowledge the work of Officers and of partner organisations in the local response to the Covid pandemic.</li> <li>• The Chair noted conclusion of the presentations and the question and answer session, suggesting it was necessary for the Joint Committee to meet further and collate information to be used to support lobbying of MPs and other parties.</li> <li>• Noted that some consideration of inequalities would need to be given at a future meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The Equalities Strategy to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020</p>	<p>Healthwatch – End of Life services Review</p>	<p>To provide comments on the findings and draft recommendations of the Healthwatch review of palliative and end of life services in Oldham prior to the conclusion and sign-off of the report.</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That the comments of the Committee be commended to Healthwatch Oldham for their consideration, and Healthwatch Oldham be thanked for the undertaking of the Review and for the presentation of the draft Report to the Committee.</p> <p>A copy of the final report, incorporating the inputs of the Committee, was forwarded to Committee Members on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020.</p>
	<p>Safeguarding Adults Update</p>	<p>To receive an overview presentation of adult safeguarding arrangements and services in Oldham</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the presentation of the work of the Adult Safeguarding Service and the Oldham Adult Safeguarding Board be noted;</li> <li>2. the Committee give a further consideration to the randomised safeguarding cases highlighted in the presentation.</li> </ol>



			The consideration of anonymised safeguarding cases was undertaken in a session comprising Members of the Committee with Safeguarding Team Leaders held on 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 and reported to the Committee in the Work Programme report on 8 <sup>th</sup> December.
	Council Motion - Ban on Fast Food and Energy Drinks Advertising	To consider and, if appropriate, make recommendations to Council in respect of the Council Motion	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Motion be considered at the next meeting of the Committee and the Director of Public Health be asked to consider submission of the proposed Healthy Weight and Physical Activity Strategy for consideration alongside the Motion.
	Council Motion – Making a Commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals	To consider and, if appropriate, make recommendations to Council in respect of the Council Motion	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the work being undertaken in Oldham that contributed to the ambitions of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals be noted and the submitted report be commended to Council.  The report commended to the Council was the subject of an amendment moved and seconded at the meeting of the Council held on 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2020. The amendment was referred to this Committee for consideration.
	Thriving Communities and Health Improvement Update	To receive an update on the Thriving Communities Programme	<b>RESOLVED</b> – that the report be noted.
	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20	To receive the draft Annual Report	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2019/20 be commended to Full Council.  The Annual Report was received and approved by the Council at a meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2020.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	Multi-agency Early Help Strategy	To consider emerging proposals on the development of a multi-agency Early Help Strategy across all levels of need	<b>RESOLVED</b> that 1. the update on the developing approach to the multi-agency early help offer be noted; 2. an update on the refresh of the Strategy and the development and implementation of new governance and staffing structures be submitted to the March 2021 meeting of the Committee.

	Urgent Care Review	Due to changing circumstances, the CCG consider there is a need to reconsider the review proposals and the associated proposals for engagement.	<b>RESOLVED</b> – that the work undertaken to date with regard to the Integrated Care Centre, and the development of the Covid Assessment Centre and the Oldham Clinical Digital Hub, be noted, along with the intentions for further developments and the involvement of the public.
	Council Motion - Ban on Fast Food and Energy Drinks Advertising	To consider and, if considered appropriate, make recommendations to Council in respect of the Council Motion.	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the Motion be referred to the Cabinet with a recommendation that the issues raised within the Motion relating to a Ban on Fast Food and Energy Drinks Advertising be progressed on a Greater Manchester-wide basis, that the matter be raised with the Leaders of the other Greater Manchester authorities, and that the Mayor of Greater Manchester be requested to run a campaign on these issues in conjunction with the Greater Manchester local authorities;</li> <li>2. the Cabinet be requested to submit a progress report on actions taken to this Committee.</li> </ol> <p>The recommendations were considered and accepted by the Cabinet at a meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.</p>
	Council Motion - Chatty Checkouts and Cafés	Initial consideration of a referred action contained in the Motion.	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the referral of the action arising from the Council Motion ‘Chatty Checkouts and Cafés’ and the initial actions taken be noted.</p> <p>An update on actions was reported to the Committee in the Work Programme report on 8<sup>th</sup> December, including the intention that further updates related to chatty café issues be submitted within the periodic Thriving Communities and Health Improvement update reports.</p>
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2020  (Joint meeting with Overview)	Covid-19 – Scrutiny Briefing	To provide an update on the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic and allow scrutiny Members to ask questions relating to that response.	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The information provided be noted.</li> <li>2. The questions and responses provided be noted.</li> </ol>

and Scrutiny Board and Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee)			
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Health and Adult Social Care Services	Further update on the progress of Health and Adult Social Care Services integration. To also include an update on the transfer of Pennine Care community services to Northern Care Alliance that took place in January 2019.	<b>RESOLVED</b> – that the update on the integration of community health and adult social care services be noted.
	Oldham Royal Hospital and Local Acute Services - Update	Report on the position of the Royal Oldham Hospital in the context of local NHS Acute Trust re-organisation.	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the update presentation on the position of the Royal Oldham Hospital be noted;</li> <li>2. further reports be submitted to the Committee providing updates on the completion of the transaction programme and in respect of employment and apprenticeship opportunities at the Royal Oldham Hospital.</li> </ol> <p>The transaction programme item further considered by Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> March; the employment and apprenticeship opportunities item further considered on 26h January 2021.</p>
	Delivery of the Flu Vaccination Programme 2020/21	Report on the Flu programme being delivered across Oldham	<b>RESOLVED</b> – That Flu Vaccination Programme 2020/21, including Oldham’s approach to the priority groups, be noted and support be given to the additional actions being undertaken for 2020/21.
	Childhood Immunisation Programme	Report on performance summary in providing childhood	<b>RESOLVED</b> – that the reported performance data related to the childhood immunisation programme be noted and the continued activities to improve immunisation uptake be supported.

		immunisations 0-5 years and the HPV programme 2019/20.	
	Council Motion – Making a Commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals	To consider an amendment moved at Council on 9 <sup>th</sup> September to the report agreed by the Committee on 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 (above)	<b>RESOLVED</b> – that the amendment be circulated to the other political groups on the Council, and to other groups as might be appropriate, to consider any additions to the organisations listed within the amendment.  Item further considered by the Committee on 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Implementation of the GM Learning Disabilities Strategy in Oldham Council	To update the Committee on implementation.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted and a further update on the implementation of the Greater Manchester Learning Disability Strategy be submitted in 12 months time.  The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.
	Primary Care Strategic Priorities 2019/20 – 2021/22	Further update and consultation on the Primary Care Review and Strategy.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that 1. the presentation on the Primary Care Strategy and the Primary Care Strategic Priorities 2019/20 - 2021/22 be noted; 2. the Chair, Vice Chair and other members of the Committee as available meet with the Chief Operating Officer/Strategic Director Commissioning, the Director of Commissioning and Operations and the Managing Director Community Services and Adult Social Care to consider future issues for consideration by the Committee arising from discussion under this item.
	Council Motion – Making a Commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals	To further consider an amendment moved at Council on 9 <sup>th</sup> September to the report agreed by the Committee on 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 (above)	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the inclusion of the Amendment to the report be not agreed or commended to Council.
	Council Motion - Not Every Disability is Visible	To consider and, if appropriate, make recommendations to Council in respect of the Council Motion	<b>RESOLVED</b> that 1. the issue of signage of accessible toilets as suggested by the Crohn's and Colitis 'Not every disability is visible' campaign be forwarded to the relevant Cabinet Member and Officers to look at and cost up the necessary changes and to report further to this

			<p>Committee to enable the Committee to prepare a report on this matter;</p> <p>2. the provision of a Changing Places toilet facility at the Spindles Shopping Centre be referred to the relevant Portfolio Holder and Officers to look at and cost up to consider whether this could be provided, to apply for relevant grants and progress if the funding is forthcoming, and to report back to this Committee.</p> <p>Item further considered by Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.</p>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Royal Oldham Hospital in the Community	To report on the Hospital as an anchor institution in the community, and it's role in social inclusion and adding value.	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An update would be brought to a future meeting, date to be confirmed.</li> <li>2. A further meeting between the NCA Director and members of the Committee be held, to further explore how this approach might be extended to other partners including the Council and other local employers.</li> </ol> <p>The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p> <p>The further meeting regarding employment opportunities was held on 8<sup>th</sup> March and the following outcomes were recorded -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genuine commitment to ensure a more strategic overview of employment opportunities across the public sector to offset the rise in unemployment;</li> <li>• The Chair and Vice Chair, Donna McLaughlin and Donna Lewis to meet with Jon Bloor to discuss Get Oldham Working Involvement;</li> <li>• Donna McLaughlin to produce a road map with short and long term objectives within the Northern Care Alliance (NCA);</li> <li>• To look to hold a convention of employment opportunities for young people in the Autumn;</li> <li>• The next meeting with Health Scrutiny members to be held in the week of 24<sup>th</sup> May or the first week in September.</li> </ul>

	Digital Inclusion	To report on activities and projects being undertaken to ensure digital inclusion.	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Greater Manchester Digital Inclusion Strategy (Appendix B) and the opportunity to work across Greater Manchester to reduce the digital divide be noted.</li> <li>2. The summary of initiatives currently in place across Oldham and those in development be noted.</li> <li>3. Any gaps in tackling the digital divide in Oldham that needed to be considered as a system moving forward be shared.</li> <li>4. The proposal that Digital Inclusion and Poverty should be included as a specific item within the equalities section for all council decision making reports, to ensure that it is considered sufficiently in the decision-making process, be endorsed.</li> <li>5. The Leader of the Council and the Greater Manchester Mayor be asked to write to the Prime Minister requesting the urgent delivery of IT to pupils missing education due to need.</li> </ol> <p>The Leader of the Council wrote to the Prime Minister on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 accordingly.</p>
	Health Improvement and Weight Management Service	To report on the new service from January 2021	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The collaborative commissioning exercise undertaken by Oldham Council and NHS Oldham CCG, the first collaborative commission between the two organisations, and the outcome of the recent tender exercise to procure a provider for the delivery of the Health Improvement and Weight Management Service be noted.</li> <li>2. The new exciting health improvement offer which was available for residents of Oldham and those registered with an Oldham GP, Your Health Oldham, which is delivered by ABL Health Limited and offers support to people who want to live a better, healthier life be noted.</li> <li>3. An update be provided in twelve months.</li> </ol> <p>The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p>

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Multi-agency Early Help Strategy - update	To receive an update on the development of the Strategy and the implementation of structures.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that developing approach to the multi-agency early help offer be noted.
	Royal Oldham Hospital – update report	To report following completion of the Transaction Programme	<b>RESOLVED</b> that 1. the report be noted 2. the Pennine Acute Transaction remain a standing item on the Committee agenda for the next six months.  The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.
	Update on NHS Developments and planning for 2021/22	To receive an update on NS developments	<b>RESOLVED</b> that 1. the presentation on NHS development and planning for 2021/22 be noted; 2. further reports be submitted to the Committee providing additional detail in respect of the NHS White Paper and in following developments arising from the White Paper, a consideration of the ‘patient journey’, and local and Greater Manchester-wide elective waiting lists and clinical prioritisation considerations.  Relevant items to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.
	Covid Vaccination Update	To receive an update on Covid Vaccinations	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	Council Motion – Ban on Fast Food and Energy Drink Advertising	To report on the consideration of the Committee’s recommendations by the Cabinet	<b>RESOLVED</b> that 1. the report be noted and referred to the Council; 2. an update report on the progress of actions linked to the Council Motion be received in due course and the Committee work programme be updated accordingly.  The report is scheduled for submission to the Council meeting in July 2021.

	Council Motion - Not Every Disability is Visible	To report on the consideration of the Committee's recommendations by the Portfolio Holder and relevant Officer(s)	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted and referred to the Council.  The report is scheduled for submission to the Council meeting in July 2021.





**Report to POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

## **Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22**

**Chair:** Councillor Colin McLaren

**Lead Officer:** Elizabeth Drogan, Statutory Scrutiny Officer

**Report Author:** Constitutional Services Officer

**27<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

For the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the Committee's Work Programme for 2021/22.

### **Recommendations**

The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the attached Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22.

## 1. Background

- 1.1 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 4.1 requires each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to prepare and maintain a Committee Work Programme.
- 1.2 The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme presents the issues that the Committee will be considering and scrutinising during the 2021/22 Municipal Year as it works within the agreed terms of reference -
- a) To lead the development of the overview and scrutiny process in Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council, including responsibility for Member development with regard to overview and scrutiny.
  - b) To undertake strategic level scrutiny (having regard to the Prioritisation Framework where relating to significant policy/service change or an area of public or local interest) relating to:
    - Oldham Council;
    - Wholly owned Local Authority Companies;
    - Strategic Partners and Partnerships;
    - Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) and the city region generally;
    - Education (ensuring there is appropriate statutory representation of co-opted members);
    - Community issues which would include crime and disorder, cohesion, housing and environment and regeneration issues etc.; and
    - Area based issues.
  - c) To develop proposals for submission to the Cabinet and/or to scrutinize proposals of the Cabinet in respect of Policy Framework items, such items being as described at Article 4.1 to the Council Constitution.
  - d) To develop proposals for submission to the Cabinet and/or to scrutinize proposals of the Cabinet in respect of the Budget and related strategies etc., such items being as described at Article 4.1 to the Council Constitution.
  - e) To be the designated 'crime and disorder' committee pursuant to s19 of the Police and Crime Act 2006.
  - f) To establish Task and Finish groups, Inquiries etc to give in depth consideration to issues within the purview of the Committee.
  - g) To consider all Call-Ins (with the exception of called in business from the Commissioning Partnership Board) (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).
  - h) To consider relevant matters referred from Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.11(g).
  - i) To make recommendations to the Cabinet or to any partner organisation on issues scrutinised relevant to those bodies, and where appropriate, direct to Council.
- 1.3 Among the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee might be regarded as having the more 'strategic' role, scrutinising the Council's key policy items, annual budget proposals, and proposals with significant service and or budgetary implications, while also considering the implications for the Borough and for the Council of proposals being developed at the Greater Manchester (GM) level and by the Council's strategic partners. The strategic role can also be seen as maintaining an oversight of the thematic strands of the Oldham Plan or considering a significant community-based issue having wide ranging implications for the Borough population and

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requiring detailed consideration and response by the Council alone, by the Council and its Borough partners, or by the Council, partners and wider agencies.

- 1.4 The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 attached as an Appendix to this report has been updated since Committee Members met informally on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The principal item of change relates to the convening of a special meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to consider two time-sensitive items where scheduling was in response to decision timescales at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

## **2. Background Papers**

- 2.1 There are no background papers as defined by Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to this report.

## **3. Appendices**

- 3.1 The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 v2.

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## POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

<p>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021</p> <p>As a result of guidance indicating that the number of people who gather indoors should be restricted and noting current Covid infection rates, the expiry of Regulations which removed the legal requirement for meetings to be held in person, and the nature of the programmed business, the programmed business was considered in an informal setting.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council had given</p>	Green New Deal Strategy and Generation Oldham	To receive an update on the Strategy and Funding.	Portfolio – Finance and Low Carbon. Strategic Director – Communities and Reform. Andy Hunt, Programme Manager – Community Wealth Building	Item requested by Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Board, December 2020.
	Minimum Licensing Standards for Taxis and Private Hire	To scrutinize final proposals prior to decision making at both GM and local level.	Portfolio - Finance and Low Carbon. Deputy Chief Executive. Carol Brown, Director of Environmental Management; Neil Crabtree, Head of Public Protection; Jon Garforth, Licensing Manager	The intention to bring a further report prior to decisions being taken in the summer was advised to the O&S Board, March 2021.
	Covid-19 Recovery Strategy	To scrutinize the Covid-19 Recovery Strategy prior to consideration by Cabinet and Council.	Leader of the Council. Strategic Director – Communities and Reform. Jonathon Downs, Corporate Policy Lead	The O&S Board was consulted on the proposal in January 2021 and requested further sight of the Strategy prior to approval. Policy Framework item.
	GM 2040 Transport Strategy – Update and draft sub-strategies	To receive an update on the strategy and be briefed/ scutinise a number of draft GM 2040 Sub-Strategies prior to submission to	Leader of the Council. Deputy Chief Executive. Joanne Betts, Principal Officer Transport and Highways Policy.	Update report requested by the O&S Board, November 2020.

assurance that any recommendations made in respect of items to be considered at the Cabinet would be reported to and considered by the Cabinet.		Cabinet (for endorsement) and GMCA (for approval)		
	Equalities Strategy	To scrutinize the proposed Equalities Strategy	Leader of the Council. Strategic Director – Communities and Reform. Jonathon Downs, Corporate Policy Lead.	
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021  Special Meeting	Joint Places for Everyone Development Plan Document (DPD) and related Statement of Community Involvement and revised Local Development Scheme	To scrutinize a proposal to develop a DPD for jobs, new homes and sustainable growth, and related matters, prior to their consideration by Council and/or Cabinet.	Portfolio – Housing. Director of Economy. Elizabeth Dryden-Stuart, Team Leader – Strategic Planning.	Scheduling related to Cabinet/Council/GMCA scheduling. Policy Framework item.
	Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan	To scrutinize final proposals in relation to the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan.	Portfolio - Finance and Low Carbon. Deputy Chief Executive. Carol Brown, Director of Environmental Management; Neil Crabtree, Head of Public Protection.	Provisional scheduling - The intention to bring a further report prior to decisions being taken in the summer was advised to the O&S Board, March 2021.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Covid-19 Recovery Strategy	Committee to receive an update.	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b> Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for	Item requested by Policy Overview & Scrutiny Committee 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021

			<p>Economic and Social Reform</p> <p><b>Officer Contact:</b> Rebekah Sutcliffe, Strategic Director of Communities &amp; Reform Shelley Kipling, Assistant Director Communications, Strategy and Performance</p> <p><b>Report Author:</b> Matt Drogan</p>	
	Outturn Work Programmes 2021-22		Lead Officer: Liz Drogan	Annual Report
	Policy Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021-22		Lead Officer: Liz Drogan	Standard Agenda Item
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	Delivery of low carbon infrastructure in the borough.	Scrutiny of the potential to secure a strategic commercial partner to deliver required infrastructure	Portfolio – Finance and Low Carbon. Strategic Director – Communities and Reform. Andy Hunt, Programme Manager – Community Wealth Building.	Consideration agreed by Committee, June 2021
	Youth Justice Plan	To scrutinise the Youth Justice Plan for 2021/22	Portfolio - Children and Young People. Managing Director – Children and Young People.	Policy Framework item.

			Paul Axon, Director – Young People’s Services, Positive Steps.	
	Economic Recovery Plan	To be consulted/scrutinize the draft Economic Recovery Plan which will encapsulate the Work and Skills Strategy with the Business Growth and Investment Strategy into one document and which will include a key focus on youth unemployment, with Care Leavers also featuring as part of the action plan.	Portfolio – Leader of the Council. Managing Director – Children and Young People. Jon Bloor, Head of Lifelong Learning, Employment and Skills Service	Part of the Employment, Work and Training – ‘themed’/significant issue consideration.
	Northern Care Alliance (NCA) NHS Group - employment support, local recruitment, and ongoing items.	Update on employment and training issues related to the Royal Oldham Hospital/NCA NHS Group, including T Levels, post-Covid/Covid compliant plan, and apprenticeships.	Donna McLaughlin, Director of Social Value Creation, Northern Care Alliance NHS Group	Part of the Employment, Work and Training – ‘themed’/significant issue consideration.
	GM 2040 Transport Strategy – Update and draft sub-strategies	To be briefed on/scrutinise draft GM 2040 Sub-Strategies prior to submission to Cabinet and the GMCA.	Leader of the Council. Deputy Chief Executive. Joanne Betts, Principal Officer Transport and Highways Policy.	Provisional scheduling.
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Gambling Act 2005 Policy - refresh	To scrutinize proposed revisions to the Policy.	Portfolio - Finance and Low Carbon. Deputy Chief Executive. Jon Garforth, Licensing Manager.	
	Creating a Better Place and Spindles Shopping Centre	To receive updates one year after adoption of Creating a	Leader / Portfolio - Finance and Low	



		Better Place and acquisition of the Shopping Centre.	Carbon and Deputy Leader. Deputy Chief Executive. Emma Barton, Director of Economy.	
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 (if required)	Admin Budget, tranche 1	To consider any initial budget proposals that may be presented by the Administration	Portfolio - Finance and Low Carbon and Deputy Leader. Anne Ryans, Director of Finance.	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021 (if required)	Opposition Budget, tranche 1	To consider any initial budget proposals that may be presented by the Lead Opposition Group	Opposition Finance Spokesperson(s). Mark Stenson, Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and Strategic Financial Management.	
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021				
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2022				
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Administration Budget Proposals and related Matters	Council Tax Reduction Scheme;	Portfolio - Finance and Low Carbon and Deputy Leader.	

		Revenue Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Strategy; Housing Revenue Account Estimates and Proposed Outturn for 2021/22; Capital Programme and Capital Strategy; Treasury Management Strategy Statement; Section 151 Officer Report	Anne Ryans, Director of Finance.	
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Opposition Budget Proposals	To consider budget proposals presented by the Lead Opposition Group	Opposition Finance Spokesperson(s). Mark Stenson, Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and Strategic Financial Management.	
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Place Based Model	To receive an update on the development of the Place Based Model	Portfolio - HR and Corporate Reform. Strategic Director – Communities and Reform.	Item requested by O&S Board, March 2021.
	Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	To receive an update on participation and NEET rates and on activities looking to ensure appropriate opportunities for 16-18 year olds.	Portfolio – Education and Skills. Managing Director – Children and Young People. Donna Lewis, Head of Inclusion and Post 16.	Part of the Employment, Work and Training – ‘themed’/significant issue consideration

## PENDING ISSUES

	Oldham Plan	Review of the Oldham Plan (formerly the 'sustainable community strategy')	Rebekah Sutcliffe, Strategic Director – Communities and Reform	To be refreshed following approval of the Covid-19 Recovery Strategy; timetable to be determined (provisionally January or March 2022)
	Northern Roots	To receive an update on progress on the Northern roots project	Anna DaSilva Project Director	O&S Board requested a further report when charitable status was established.
	Youth/Young People - 'themed'/significant issue consideration.	Annual report on the British Youth Council 'Make Your Mark' ballot	Jodie Barber Head of Service (Youth Service and Outdoor and Environmental Education Service); Chris Lewis Lead Youth Worker working with the Youth Council	
	Poverty	Task and Finish Group		The O&S Board in January 2021 referred a report arising from a task and finish group exercise to the Cabinet for consideration.
	Homelessness Strategy	To further consider the Homelessness Strategy	Portfolio – Housing. Deputy Chief Executive. Bryn Cooke, Head of Housing.	O&S Board in January 2021 called for a further update report on the Strategy.
	Selective Licensing Scheme	To scrutinise proposals	Portfolio – Housing. Deputy Chief Executive. Neil Crabtree, Head of Public Protection.	Consideration noted as delayed on the O&S Board 2020/21 Work Programme

**OTHER ACTIVITY**

<p>Meeting to be arranged between the three O&amp;S Committee Chairs and the Youth Council to assist in the appreciation of young people's concerns and to assist in looking to ensure that the interests of young people are reflected in matters coming before the O&amp;S Committees.</p> <p>It has also been proposed that this meeting give initial consideration to a proposals for a workshop involving Committee Members, the Youth Council and relevant officers (as agreed by the O&amp;S Board in September 2020, to address issues relating to the development of the digital sector in the town, the review of apprenticeships across Oldham and the offering of digital apprenticeships by the Council, as raised in a Youth Council Motion to Council.</p>	<p>Head of Service (Youth Service and Outdoor and Environmental Education Service). Chris Lewis, Lead Youth Worker working directly with the Youth Council.</p> <p>John Bloor, Head of Lifelong Learning, Employment and Skills Service. Donna Lewis, Head of Inclusion and Post 16. Inputs from HR/OD, Colleges and others as required.</p>	<p>Consideration would relate to both the Employment, Work and Training and the Youth/Young People 'themed'/significant issue considerations. As noted previously in an earlier work programme, the workshop session had not been convened to date due to Covid-19 related issues.</p>
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