

POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Agenda

Date Tuesday 14 December 2021

Time 6.00 pm

Venue Crompton Suite, 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
- 2 Urgent Business

Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair

3 **Declarations of Interest**

To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.

4 **Public Question Time**

To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5 **Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 8)**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2021 are attached for approval.

6 **Policing in Oldham (Pages 9 - 16)**

Update from Chief Superintendent Chris Bowen, District Commander Oldham.

7 **Northern Roots Update (Pages 17 - 36)**

Update from Anna da Silva, Project Director, Northern Roots.

8 **Youth Service Update**

Verbal update from Chris Lewis (Youth Service).

9 **Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 (Pages 37 - 44)**



Present: Councillor McLaren (Chair)
Councillors Alyas, Brownridge, Hobin and Surjan

Also in Attendance:

Paul Axon	Positive Steps
Emma Barton	Director of Economy
John Garforth	Trading Standards and Licensing Manager
Kaidy McCann	Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Williamson, Councillor K Phythian and Councillor Curley.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hobin declared a personal interest at item 8 by virtue of being a private hire licence holder.

3 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2021 be approved as a correct record.

6 **CREATING A BETTER PLACE**

Consideration was given to a report on the overview on the progress of the Creating a Better Place strategic framework and capital regeneration programme.

The Committee was informed that Approval from Cabinet was obtained in August 2020 for the revised programme. Following discussions with Scrutiny Committee Members, the new programme reflected on the priority areas to support the Borough's economic and social recovery in support of the financial implications associated with the response to the Coronavirus (CV19).

Members were provided with the priority areas which were as followed:

- Building quality homes
- Providing opportunities to learn and gain new skills

- Providing opportunities to grow local businesses and create jobs
- Ensuring Oldham is the greenest Borough
- Embedding sustainability, energy efficiency and low (zero) carbon
- Improving life-chances and the health and well-being of our staff, residents, and local communities.

The priority areas would bring social benefits to the Borough, which included the potential to deliver over 2,000 homes in the town centre by embracing brownfield sites to support urban development which would reduce the amount of greenbelt needed to meet Oldham's Housing Need. Alongside that there was a potential to deliver an additional 1,000 jobs and 100 apprenticeships whilst also improving the populations life chances and health and well-being.

Members were informed of the Environmental Benefits which included:

- Public sector leading by example – zero carbon by 2025
- Zero carbon new homes and businesses by 2030
- Energy efficient buildings – homes and businesses
- Greenest Borough in Greater Manchester
- Cleaner air
- More electric vehicle parking / promotion
- Better connected environment for healthier travel choices
- Thriving communities and businesses.

The revised programme had helped reduce the Capital investment by c£90m with external funding bids to be sought. The programme had also identified £8.5m of revenue savings over the next 5 years, with the first year covering 2021/22. There had been a £285m capital commitment from the Council along with seven confirmed bids, two bids awaiting news and one bid to be submitted following publication of the White Paper, However, it would initially cost £125k of revenue to secure the Levelling Up Fund bid. The programme would allow for a 5-year delivery programme with +22% social value added. Out of the £7.5m contract value, £3m had been received back.

Whilst there were several benefits to the programme, there would be challenges to face mainly around construction. Within the construction market, Contractors were not able to hold prices by more than a few weeks (standard 90 days) that could be affected due to the decision-making processes. There were also issues of material shortages that caused escalation of prices and longer ordering timescales. The construction market had also suffered during Covid due to sourcing sufficient labourers and drivers and sourcing site accommodation. It was estimated that the current issues would cause a minimum of 20-25% increase to budget costs with Economic Specialists predicting that the problems would continue for 3-5 years.

Construction Insurance had also become a major challenge, prior to the Coronavirus pandemic, 27 insurers were available to

underwrite building renovation works. That had reduced to 4 as a result of high-profile losses including Grenfell, Glasgow School of Art, Mandarin Oriental, and Primark in Belfast. It had been recommended by insurers to market six months ahead of the works being undertaken to assess the appetite for the projects.

The Committee were provided details of strategic partnerships in place at Broadway Green with Grasscroft and Seddons and at Hollinwood with Langtree. Members were also informed of the various housing projects which included the 19 x 5 bed homes for Affordable Rent at Primrose Bank, the various HRA infill sites that would create c40 new homes over 7 cleared sites and the housing pipeline development of c2,000 new homes which included over 900 in the town centre and 12 brownfield sites identified for different tenures/house types. To facilitate those projects £800k had been allocated from the Growth Deal Fund to facilitate road access onto the Southlink site and a Brownfield Housing Land Grant of £6m towards Derker and Southlink.

The programme included the School Capital Programme. Saddleworth School would be completed in early 2022 and Greenfield Primary, Crompton House, Oldham Academy North, Kingfisher Hydropool, Mayfield Primary, and St Pauls Primary School gone through practical completion. Future school developments included:

- North Chadderton: Cabinet approval Nov/Dec '21. Start on site expected 2022
- Kingsland: Design progressing in collaboration with school.
- Bluecoat (II): Land deal confirmed with DfE. Planning approved. DfE appointed Willmott Dixon to progress design work
- Kingfisher MAT Free School: New Special Educational Need Free School to open 2022.

The Committee were advised of the Green New Deal Projects which included:

- Oldham Energy Futures (CWB): Externally led Carbon Co-op, funded.
- Oldham Community Power: solar panels installed on 5 school rooves (phase 1). Currently seeking funding to all roll out of phase 2 (more schools and health sites)
- Green Your Neighbourhood: appropriate community engagement to complement street cleaning and other community "green" priorities
- COALESCCE: Interreg Europe revenue funding to lead integration of actions into GM Env Strategy. (complete)
- Local Energy Market / green Power Purchase Agreements: GM programme procurement work needed
- Growing the green economy / jobs & skills: integrated into Economic Growth Strategy refresh.

Members were informed of the £10m confirmed Future High Street Fund allocation that would be used for the Egyptian Room fit out, the Prudential Building Union Street for the

potential use as an incubator hub, and Accessible Oldham to enhance the public realm development around Mumps for pedestrians, cycling and public transport routes. £24m had been confirmed for the Town Deal Projects which would be used for Northern Roots, the new Theatre and Performance Space, Tommyfield Market and an Entrepreneur Space. To advertise and gain the public's view on the schemes and programme, the Council had launched The Big Conversation which was now live.

Members asked for and received clarification on the following:

- Projected and actual costs of schemes. Members were advised that Officers working on the projects would calculate the costs and contingencies would be in place if there was a need to go over budget.
- Creation of green jobs. It was noted that a consultation would be held to look at green working for Oldham residents in the Borough. Oldham College had a construction qualification available that could be linked to future projects.
- The creation of the Council's own companies. Members were advised that 3 separate teams had recently applied for the Kickstart Grants to look into that option.
- Possibility for the Committee to tour the sites and potential projects. It was noted that it would be arranged for the Members to attend.

RESOLVED that:

1. The progress and updates provided for the Creating a Better Place strategic programme be noted.
2. An update be provided to the Committee in June 2022.

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GAMBLING POLICY REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report which updated the Committee on the recent review of the Councils Gambling Policy and sought their views on the suggested amendments required prior to Council approval.

The Committee was informed that the current policy was adopted in January 2019 and had to be reviewed every 3 years by law. The policy at Appendix 1 proposed amendments since it had last been approved. It was noted that the ten Greater Manchester Authorities had worked collaboratively to develop a common policy framework with local issues and profiling added in addition to the common policy text.

The Committee was informed that, in setting its local policy, the Council must show how it would seek to promote the licensing objectives under the Act, which were:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime;
- Ensuring gambling was conducted in a fair and open way; and

- Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling.



The updated policy paid significant attention to the Public Health concerns which surrounded gambling addictions in the policy. It was noted that within Oldham, data suggested that there were around 3,000 problem gamblers and 9,000 at risk gamblers. To combat this, a Greater Manchester Gambling Harm Reduction Strategy had been compiled with funding allocated to support pathways and research. Members made note of a new part of the policy which requested operators to submit a return to the Licensing Authority in order to measure the number of interventions they were taking to assist customers and self-exclude those who require that option.

Members noted that the proposed policer would be considered by the Licensing Committee on the 30th November prior to moving forward for approval by Council on the 15th December 2021.

Members asked for and received clarification on the following:

- Could a ban request of the premises be requested on behalf of another person if the user had mental health problems. Members were advised that consent was needed from the person however some operators would accept ban referrals from family members.
- Power to prevent gambling premises from opening and reviewing applications. It was noted that language in the guidance encouraged granting of the licences. Within Oldham, the number of licensed premises had reduced from 37 pre-covid to 23. Applications for these licences were rarely submitted. As with Alcohol premises licences, any breach of the licence would be investigated and reviewed by the Licensing Panel.
- How the number of problem gamblers was estimated within the Brough. Members were advised that the data was based on referrals within Greater Manchester. Oldham was currently ranked in the middle of the Greater Manchester Authorities.

RESOLVED that the draft Gambling Policy be noted and commended to the Council for approval.

8

GM MINIMUM LICENSING STANDARDS (VEHICLES)

Consideration was given to a report which provided the Committee with the recommendations on Private Hire and Hackney Vehicle Taxi Licensing Policy for Greater Manchester following a consultation in 2020.

Members were informed that, collectively, Hackney and Private Hire services provided more journeys for residents and visitors than the Metrolink or local rail, representing a significant part of the economy and employing over 20,000 people across the city region. Having Minimum Licensing Standards across all Greater

Manchester Authorities represented a means of achieving a range of shared goals which included:

- Improving public safety
- Helping deliver clean air and reduced carbon emissions
- Supporting the locally licensed Hackney and Private Hire trades; and
- Complying with the Governments statutory guidance on safeguarding.

Overall, the Greater Manchester approach looked to provide:

- the public with safe, visible and high-quality hackney and private hire services
- the hackney and private hire trades with clarity over what the required standards will be over the long term, and through the GM Clean Air Plan, with unprecedented investment to help renew the fleet
- local authorities with the continued regulatory role in relation to driver, vehicle and operator licensing whilst retaining scope to exceed the MLS as agreed locally by elected members.

Members were informed that there were 10 policy standards and were provided with the recommendations to meet those standards which were as followed:

- Vehicle emissions - That vehicles should be at least Euro 6 compliant for diesel vehicles and Euro 4 compliant for petrol vehicles subject to upper age policies. For non-compliant vehicles they will have until 1st April 2024 to become compliant.
- Vehicle age - Private Hire Vehicles may be first licensed up until 5 years old and can be licensed up until 10 with the exception of wheelchair accessible vehicles which can stay on until 15. Hackney Carriages may be first licensed as wheelchair accessible vehicles up until 7 years of age and can stay in until 15. Final transitional arrangements are being developed by Officers.
- Vehicle colour - That all hackney carriages in Greater Manchester shall be black in colour. A single colour for private hire vehicles remains an aspiration of the MLS programme.
- Wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV) - That all hackney carriages in Greater Manchester shall be wheelchair accessible. That for existing saloon emission compliant hackney carriages they be allowed to stay on the fleet until 10 years of age and then change to WAV.
- Vehicle livery - That there be a standard livery across Greater Manchester with the addition of local council logos.
- Vehicle testing - That vehicles under three have one test a year and those over three have two. Oldham already goes further than that and specifies that vehicles over eight have three tests a year.
- Vehicle CCTV – That members approved, in principle, a policy of licensed vehicles having in car CCTV. That

further work on a draft policy be commissioned and consulted on for bringing back before members.

- Executive Hire - To adopt a common set of standards in relation to executive vehicles not having to display signage and licence plates.
- Vehicle licence conditions - That members approve a common set of GM conditions for vehicle licences.
- Vehicle design - That members approve a range of vehicle standards covering:
 - Vehicle conformity
 - No retrofitting of engines
 - Emissions technology to be CVRAS accredited
 - Minimum standard of window tints
 - No written off vehicles to be licensed
 - No roof signs permitted on PHVs
 - No advertising other than Council issued signage on PHVs

Members asked for and received clarification on the following:

- How to persuade drivers to make their vehicles wheelchair accessible. Members were advised that there was now Government funding with up to £17.5k to become part of the accessible fleet.
- Could operators be directed to use drivers only licenced from Oldham. it was noted that this was not allowed for Private Hire Drivers. However, operator conditions now included the condition to notify the users that the vehicle was not licensed with Oldham before dispatching the vehicle.

RESOLVED that the recommendations being submitted to Greater Manchester Combined Authority be noted.

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YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN

Consideration was given to a report which advised the Committee of the responsibilities of the Youth Justice Service and its priorities for 20/21. Members were also advised of the financial arrangements and performance for the previous year.

Members were informed that the Youth Justice Management Board Annual Plan was a requirement of grant allocation for Oldham's Youth Justice Service and was overseen by the Youth Justice Board nationally. It was noted that the plan included the following areas:

- Purpose of Plan
- Introduction
- Positive Steps
- Structure & Governance
- Overall Structure
- Youth Justice Management Board
- Strategic Priorities and Plans
- Performance Report
- Headline Performance areas - Local and National
- Rate of Re-offending

- Custody
- Accommodation Suitability
- ETE Rates
- Looked After Children convicted of an offence
- Diversity
- Youth Justice Service Budget
- Resources and Value for Money
- Service Priorities for 2020/21

Members were advised that first time entrants in Oldham had a 20% reoffending rate compared to 34.1% in Greater Manchester and 37.1% England. Per reoffence, the frequency rate per reoffender was 3.23 compared to 4.23 in Greater Manchester and 3.93 in England. The frequency rate of 0.93 was significantly better than the 1.76 for Greater Manchester and 1.45 England. The custody rate for 10-17 year olds per 1,000 population in Oldham was 0.04 compared to the North West at 0.13 and England at 0.13.

Members asked for and received clarification on the following:

- How had the service done so well with no money. It was noted that over the past 10-15 years the service users had reduced by a third due to offenders receiving more warnings than previously. However, staff had been upskilled to support young people as much as possible.
- The type of work done to reduce reoffenders. Members were informed that the service worked on a child first approach and mentors and consultants were available. Different ways of therapy were also an approach such as art therapy.
- Members felt that there was not enough communication around the good news stories and hoped to share the information to the Borough.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

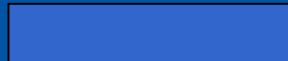
RESOLVED that the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme be noted.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 8.38 pm

Policy Overview and Scrutiny

Chief Superintendent Chris Bowen

Q District- Oldham



OUR PURPOSE: Focus on the basics: Fight, prevent and reduce crime. Keep people safe. Care for victims.

THIS IS WHAT WE DO:

RESPOND TO INCIDENTS & EMERGENCIES

INVESTIGATE & SOLVE CRIME

PREVENT AND REDUCE CRIME, HARM AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

DELIVER OUTSTANDING SERVICE

BUILD PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

THIS IS HOW WE DO IT:



Improve, simplify and align our core processes

- Ensure we deal with incoming demand, and properly record, investigate and solve crimes
- Ensure end-to-end accountability and victim focus
- Simplify governance, reduce duplication and bureaucracy



Improve I.T. and broaden digital transformation

- Improve / replace police works
- Boost digital skills across the organisation
- Ensure I.T. and digital technology are easy to use enablers of our core processes
- Update and upgrade our I.T. infrastructure and ensure it is fit for purpose



Become a more intelligent organisation

- Foster evidence-based decision-making
- Scan the horizon, map and predict demand and emerging threats (incl. failure demand)
- Collect and analyse accurate, reliable and up-to-date information and share it in an easy to understand way
- Boost data and analytics skills



Strengthen and invest in the corporate services function

- Ensure corporate services enable, contribute, support and influence the force as a strategic partner
- Boost and grow the professional skills across corporate services



Establish effective performance management regime

- Measure, monitor and manage what really matters
- Set clear performance expectations for everyone
- Recognise and celebrate good performance
- Fairly tackle poor performance



Strengthen our dedicated neighbourhood policing teams

- Ensure they have resources and decision-making powers, local knowledge and a focus on partnership-based problem solving
- Help to build resilient communities
- Supported by specialist capabilities



Work in effective partnerships

- Reduce risk to vulnerable people and stop people becoming victims in the first place
- Create a joint focus on creative problem solving in order to reduce demand
- Shared accountability for problems
- Joint intelligence and understanding of underlying causes of demand



Communicate and engage in a positive and proactive manner

- Have a proactive dialogue with communities, listen to the public, understand issues
- Establish internal voice and create staff engagement channels
- Enhance media and stakeholder relationships



Invest in and support our people

- Make GMP an attractive place to work
- Improve staff engagement, staff recognition and staff wellbeing
- Improve leadership skills across the organisation
- Strengthen strategic, operational HR and workforce planning processes so that we recruit, retain, develop and promote the best people
- Provide ongoing training, development support and career progression opportunities to all staff and officers



Invest in and improve our infrastructure

- Ensure the estate, fleet, equipment and I.T. are fit for the job
- Embrace effective agile working
- Reduce environmental impact



Manage our resources effectively

- Secure funding and align finance strategy with strategic priorities
- Balance short and long-term financial planning
- Improve financial awareness and delegate more financial authority
- Focus on value for money

UNDERPINNED BY OUR VALUES:

PUBLIC SERVICE & PROBLEM SOLVING

INTEGRITY, HONESTY & OPENNESS

ACCOUNTABILITY & UNITY

KINDNESS

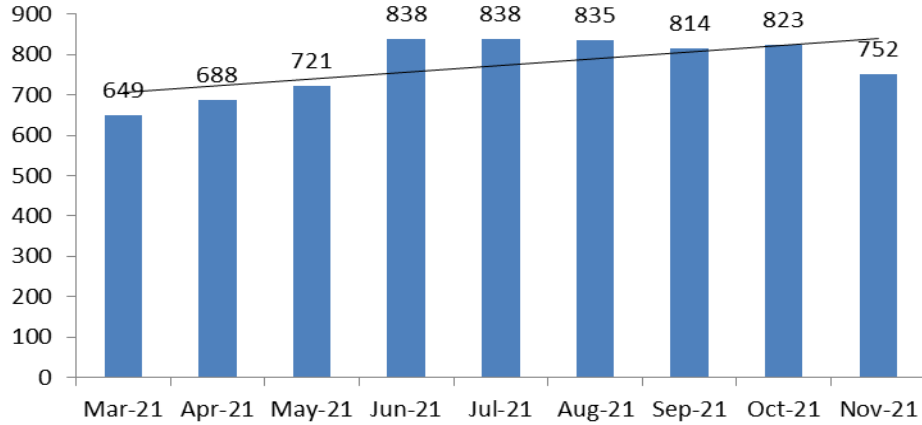
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BEING A LEARNING ORGANISATION

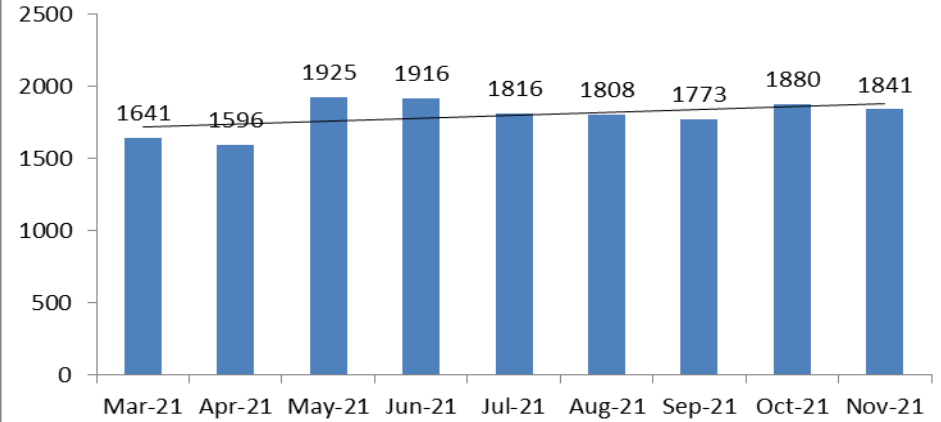
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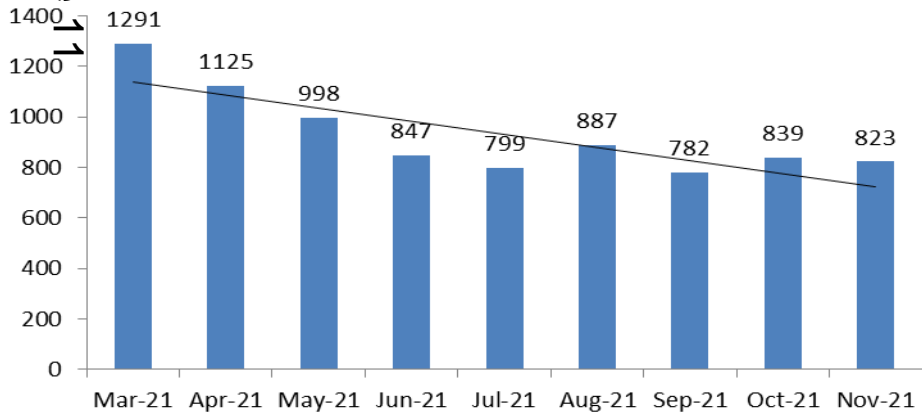
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Incoming Demand Grade 3



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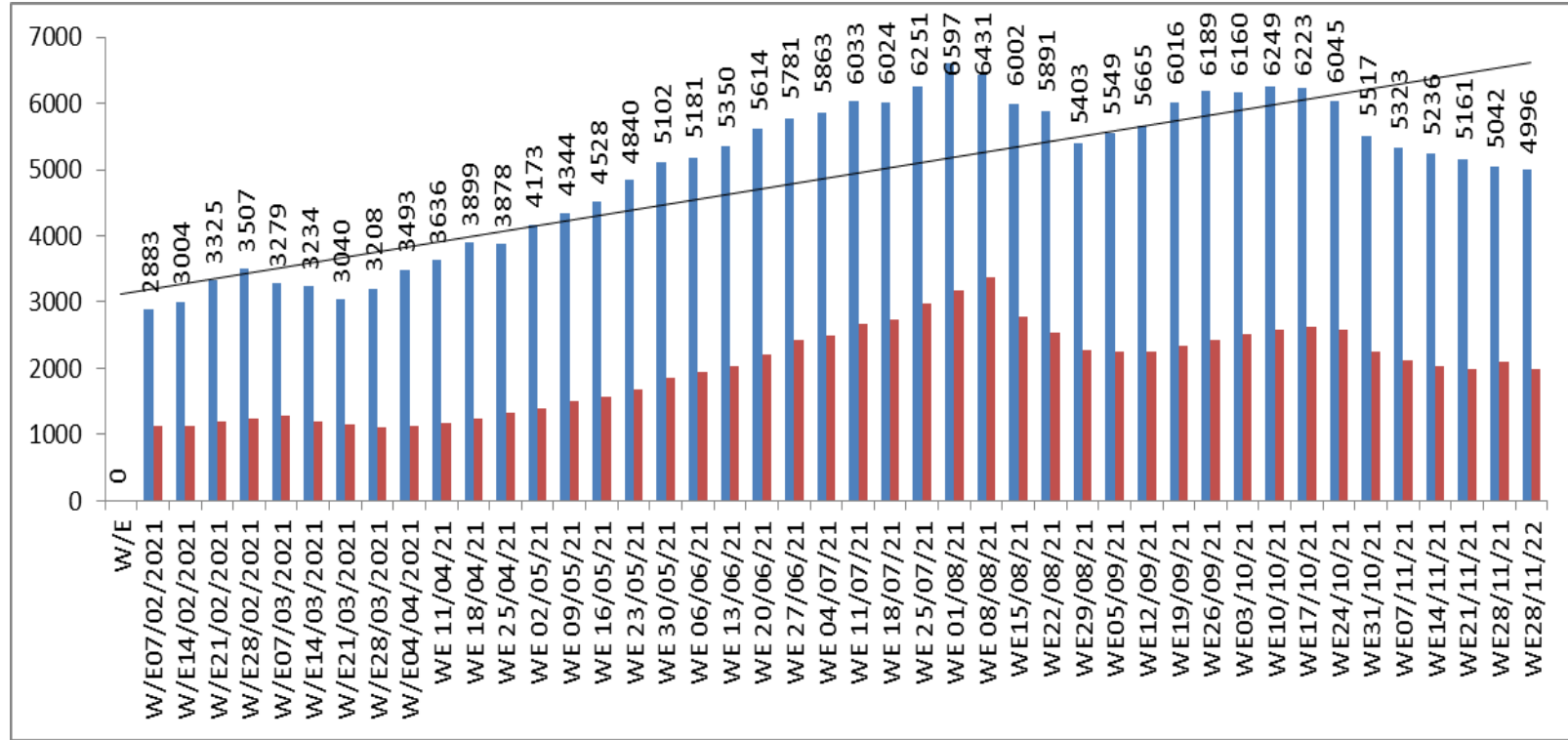
Oldham	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Recorded incidents	649	1,641	1,291
Attended within target (count)	472	406	441
Attended within target (proportion)	72.7%	24.7%	34.2%
Attended outside target (count)	145	676	109
Attended outside target (proportion)	22.3%	41.2%	8.4%
No arrival date (count)	32	559	741
No arrival date (proportion)	4.9%	34.1%	57.4%

Position November 21

Oldham	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Recorded incidents	752	1,841	823
Attended within target (count)	482	338	248
Attended within target (proportion)	64.1%	18.4%	30.1%
Attended outside target (count)	233	699	92
Attended outside target (proportion)	31.0%	38.0%	11.2%
No arrival date (count)	37	804	482
No arrival date (proportion)	4.9%	43.7%	58.6%

Open Crime Reduction

Open OIC owned crime down to lowest position in 27 weeks at 4996
reduction of 24.2% from highest point (-1601)



Operation Vortex- Day of Action

- **Arrest team deploying to locate wanted on warrants, breach of bails and prison recalls:**
2 x S23 Misuse of Drugs Act warrants executed- 3 arrests
 - **3 x S240 Housing Act Warrants executed across the district District resources allocated (including 2 x Victim Liaison Officers), Environmental Health and 3 Home Office Immigration and Enforcement Officers:**
1 person located living above a convenience store. Not suitable living accommodation and an emergency prohibition notice served. Owner to be prosecuted and there are also ongoing matters around the illicit sale of tobacco. Identified an illegal House of Multiple Occupancy. On the spot fine served in the owner / operator of the address by Environmental Health colleagues.
 - **Arrest team deploying to locate priority wanted offenders across the district:**
3 arrests DA stalking and Mal Comms, DA Stalking and threats to kill, 2 breach molestation orders, Rape
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- TVIU deploying to district. An intelligence pack has been compiled by Oldham District Intelligence Unit regarding priority SAC offenders and burglary / robbery data:**
- 2 vehicles recovered (BMW 5 series, Range Rover)
Cloned vehicle identified (The vehicle was stolen during a robbery committed on 13/11/21 at Tesco in Greenfield. The brief circumstances being that 4 Asian males have dragged the victim out of her vehicle and threatened her with a hammer after which they stole the vehicle). 2 arrests for Robbery- knife located
- **Operation Considerate Deployment on Oldham Road Failsworth. Spec Ops, SRTT, TU, DVSA and VRS present. District PCSO's deployed to the site which operated around Regents Mill.**
13 x Vehicle seizures (no license or insurance)
5 x DVSA Prohibitions
17 x Traffic Offence Reports/Summons for motoring offences.
3 arrests
 - **PCSO's held surgery at Failsworth Town Hall**

Operation Vortex- Day of Action

- **School Engagement Officers deployed to Failsworth Co-Op Academy to deliver a drugs presentation in conjunction with the Local Authority LSCB Training Officer for Children and Young People**

Young people were engaging and further inputs are now scheduled.

- **2 x S23 Misuse of Drugs Act warrants executed simultaneously in the West Cluster. District Resources executed the warrants with target addresses being a business premises and residential premises. Trading Standards also attended**

News Agents 2 Werneth Hall Road, Oldham

S23 Misuse of Drugs Act Warrant and S8 P.A.C.E warrants executed. An axe was recovered from behind the counter and open cigarette cartons identified indicating the supply of single cigarettes. Warning letter issued by trading standards colleagues.

Coppice, Oldham

S23 Misuse of Drugs Act Warrant and S8 P.A.C.E warrants executed. Substantial quantities of cannabis recovered from the address in addition to a machete. 1 arrest for possession with intent to supply cannabis

Community Litter pick Initiative being conducted in the Medlock Vale Ward (South Cluster).

Litter pick completed with Local Councillors. Large amounts of rubbish removed from the Medlock Vale area and images of the team shared through social media.

- **Tactical Mounted deployed to district.**

Oldham Town Centre and Alexandra Park. Good community engagement and a great deterrent as part of Operation Snowboard.

- **Weapon sweeps being conducted by NBO Resources (Constables and PCSO's) across the South and West Clusters**

Limeside, ParkFailsworth Tram Stop, Coalshaw Green Park, South Chadderton Tram Stop

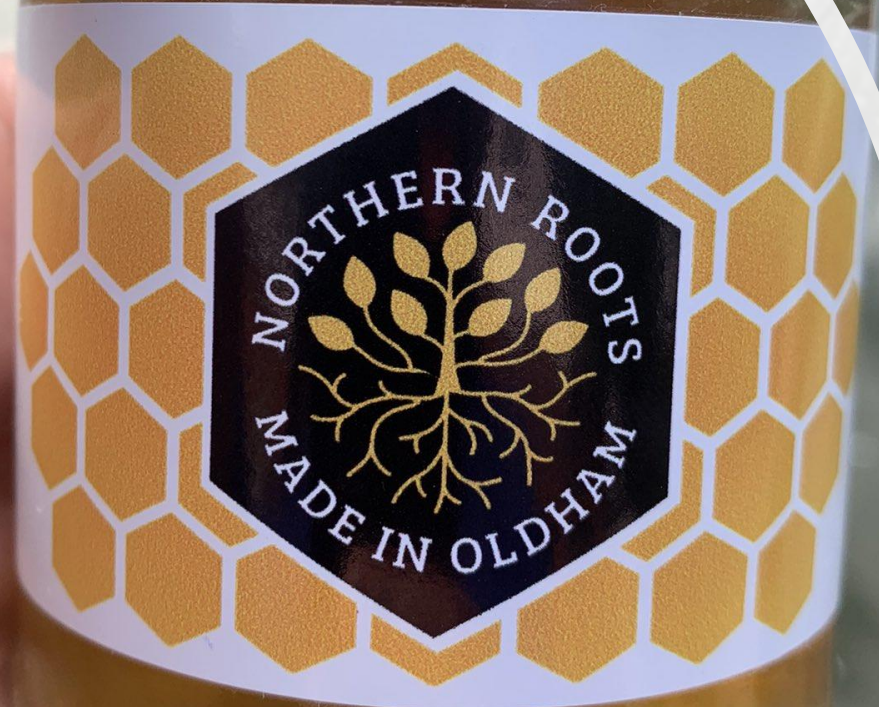
Result – 2 x knives were recovered by officers from Failsworth Tram Stop. Of note, there has been recent ASB and disorder at this location with an open problem solving record using the SARA model.

Operation Vortex- Day of Action

- **School Engagement Officers deployed to Kingsland Pupil Referral Unit to deliver a knife crime presentation in conjunction with the Local Authority LSCB Training Officer for Children and Young People.**
Young people were engaging and further inputs are now scheduled
- **Failsworth Christmas lights switch on event being held near to Failsworth Pole. NBO teams deploying to support the community event with district Co-ordinators and Local Councillors**
Event successfully completed in conjunction with the Local Authority District Co-ordination team and local residents. There were a large number of attendees at the event.
- **3 x Multi-Agency visits being conducted in the South and West clusters at a convenience store, 'brothel' and potential illegal shisha bar.**
- **Visits to Licensed Premises being conducted utilising a 'passive drugs detection scanning dog' from Inquest Canine Detection.**
10 PH visited- outcomes- 19 stop searches were conducted.
1 male adult arrested on suspicion of breaching the peace (details not available at this time).
1 arrested on suspicion of possession of class A drugs. Following a positive identification by a drugs dog he was found in possession of 3 x snap bags of cocaine.
2 Cannabis street warnings were issued.
A knife arch was erected at the Bees Knees but no weapons were located.
Positive presumptive cocaine drug wipe detections were made at different premises across the district. Further LA Licensing breaches were identified
- **AVRO Christmas Card Deliveries**
The cards have been delivered with 2 individuals later attending Oldham Police Station for arrest

Operation Vortex- Summary of Outcomes

- **Arrests – 17 prisoners far an array of offences as detailed above.**
- **Weapon seizures – 3 x knives, 1 x machete and 1 x axe**
- **Drugs seizures – Significant quantities of cannabis along with quantities of cocaine, heroin and crack cocaine (values not known at this time).**
- **2 x Cannabis street warnings issued.**
- **16 vehicles seized (13 for no insurance and or license and 3 stolen motor vehicles originally taken from different areas of Greater Manchester.**
- **17 individuals summonsed to court for driving offences**
- **5 Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency prohibition notices issued.**



Northern Roots

Update for Policy
Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

Anna da Silva, Project Director

Northern Roots – the UK's largest Urban farm and Eco Park

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OUR TOP 3 GOALS

For Northern Roots

- 1.** Create jobs, training and business opportunities for local people!
- 2.** Preserve and enhance biodiversity and the environment at Northern Roots 160-acre site
- 3.** Improve the health and wellbeing of local residents and communities

#NORTHERNROOTSOLDHAM



Project Status

- Project instigated by OMBC
- 3+ years of feasibility, consultation & planning
- NR Charity established
- Small base set up on site
- £7+m external funding raised to date
- Initial engagement, habitat & business projects ongoing
- Partnerships & Profile growing



Next steps

- Planning application early 2022
- Youth, arts, environmental & business projects funded for 2022 – recruiting jobs and vols now
- Start to license first businesses on site early 2022
- Bike Hub build – spring 2022
- Phase 1 build – autumn 2022 onwards
- Lease of site to Charity
- Secure further grants, start to generate revenue to invest back into the project

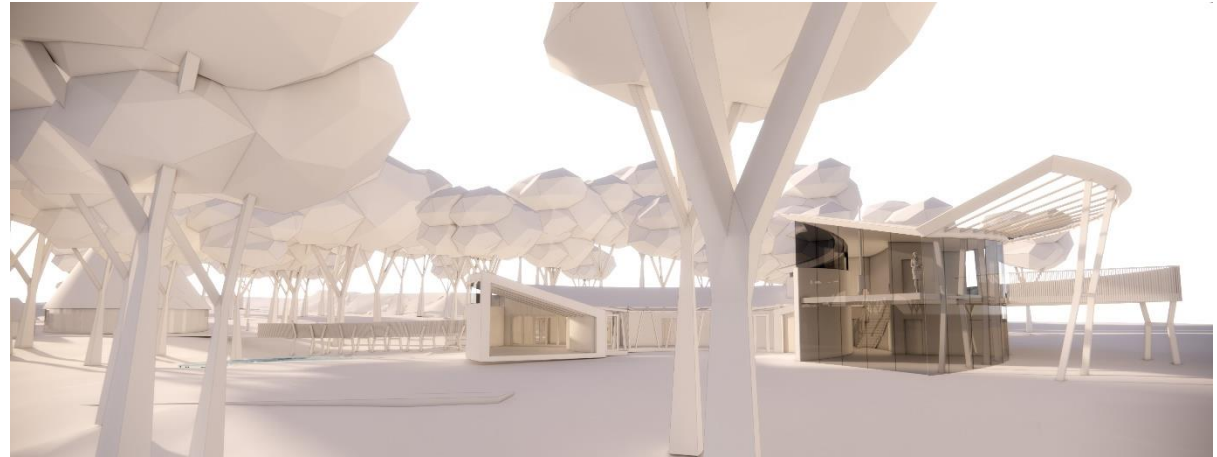


Northern Roots Concept Designs

December 2021



NORTHERN ROOTS
GROWN IN OLDHAM



What do you think about... ...the evolved designs?



- Thanks to everyone who participated in Northern Roots' consultation events, site tours, building co-design sessions and online consultation this autumn.
- We've gathered all your feedback and used it to revise the masterplan proposal and Visitor Centre and Learning Centre designs – and we want to know what you think.
- On the basis of your feedback to the evolved designs shown here, the final masterplan and building designs will then be developed for inclusion in the planning application for Northern Roots.
- We aim to submit the planning application in early 2022.



The revised masterplan... ...responding to your comments...



- You would prefer proposed buildings to be located at the northern end of the site near to Alexandra Park, and the southern end of the site to remain largely undeveloped and natural.
- This feedback has clarified that Northern Roots needs to do more work and consultation on proposals for the southern area of the site, before taking them forward.
- As an immediate result of your feedback, we have reduced the scope of the area included in the initial planning application for Northern Roots to focus on the top third of the site.

The revised masterplan... ...responding to your comments...

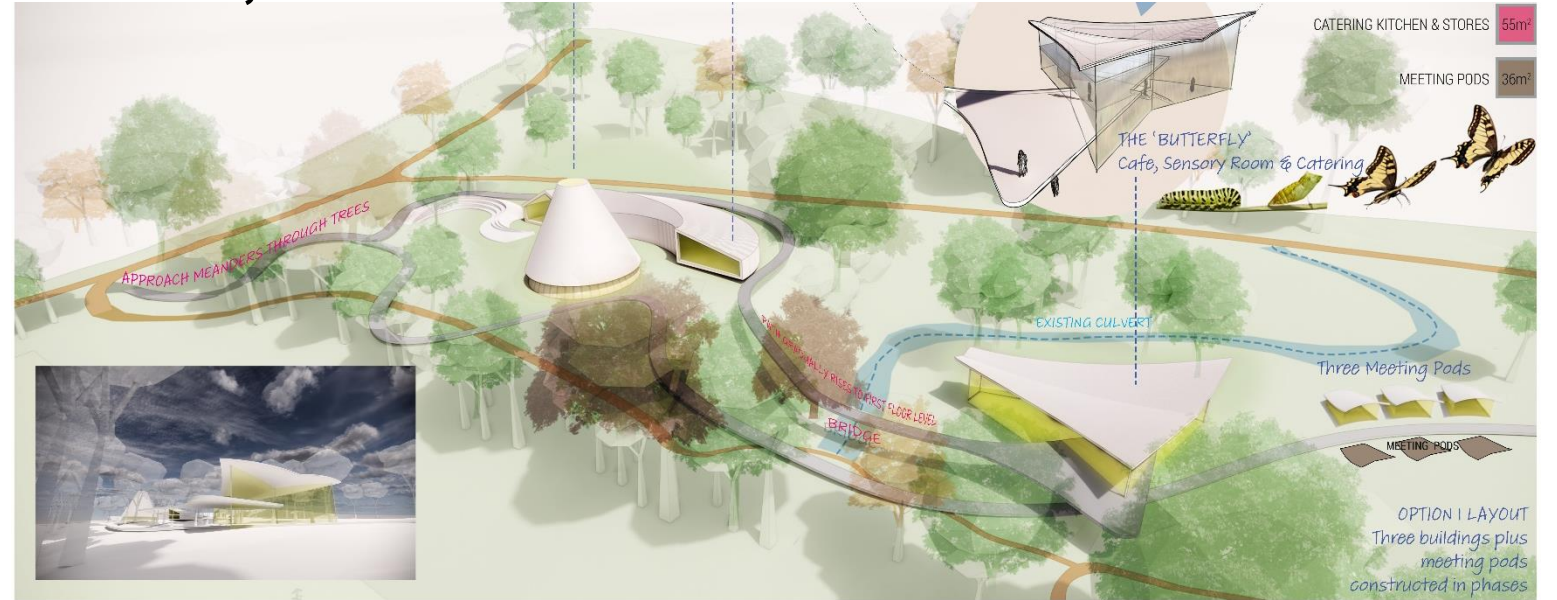


- We have relocated the festival field feature to the northern end of the site close to the Visitor Centre and existing car park.
- We have relocated the amphitheatre to sit next to the Visitor Centre at the northern end of the site, where it is not near to any existing buildings.
- We have relocated the Visitor Centre to sit outside of the woodland, on the edge of it and the Learning Centre in areas of ash die back / clearings.
- We have removed the glamping pods and in future will explore camping for children and young people in an area adjacent to the proposed Learning Centre.
- There are no new roads proposed for the site. There is already a hard-surfaced road (Tip Road) and existing tracks and paths will be improved.
- A carpark already exists at the northern end of the site. Two small additional parking areas have been proposed adjacent to the Visitor and Learning Centres.

Concept designs... Visitor Centre...the process so far...



Your ideas of a circular building... of bees, butterflies and transformation...

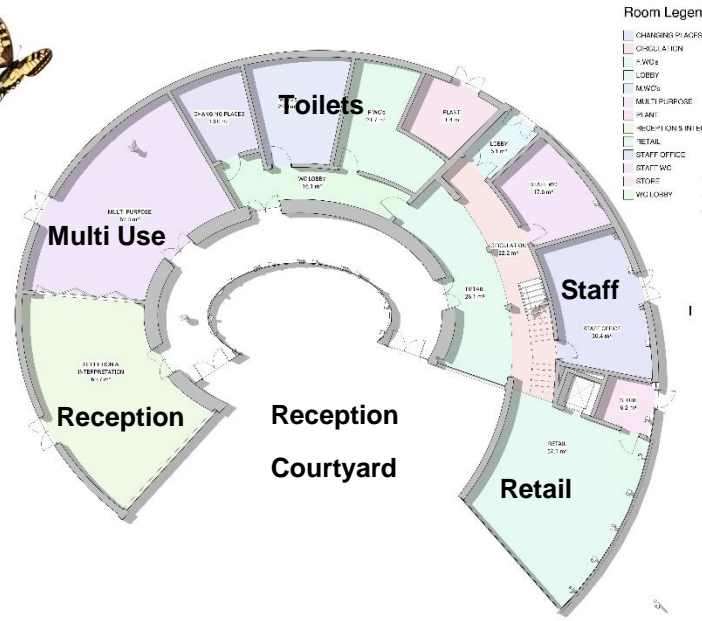
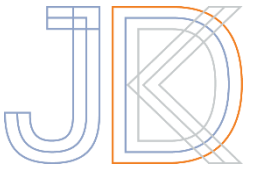


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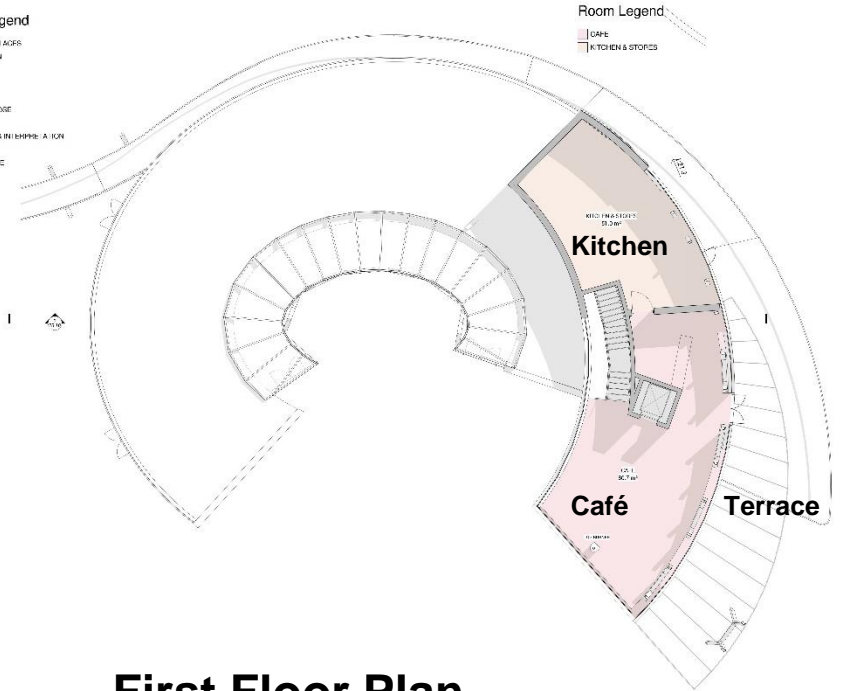
You liked this concept idea of transformation... caterpillar to butterfly...you also liked these circular forms...



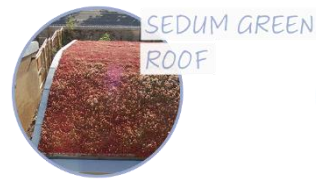
So we've combined the two... ...revised concept designs for the Visitor Centre...



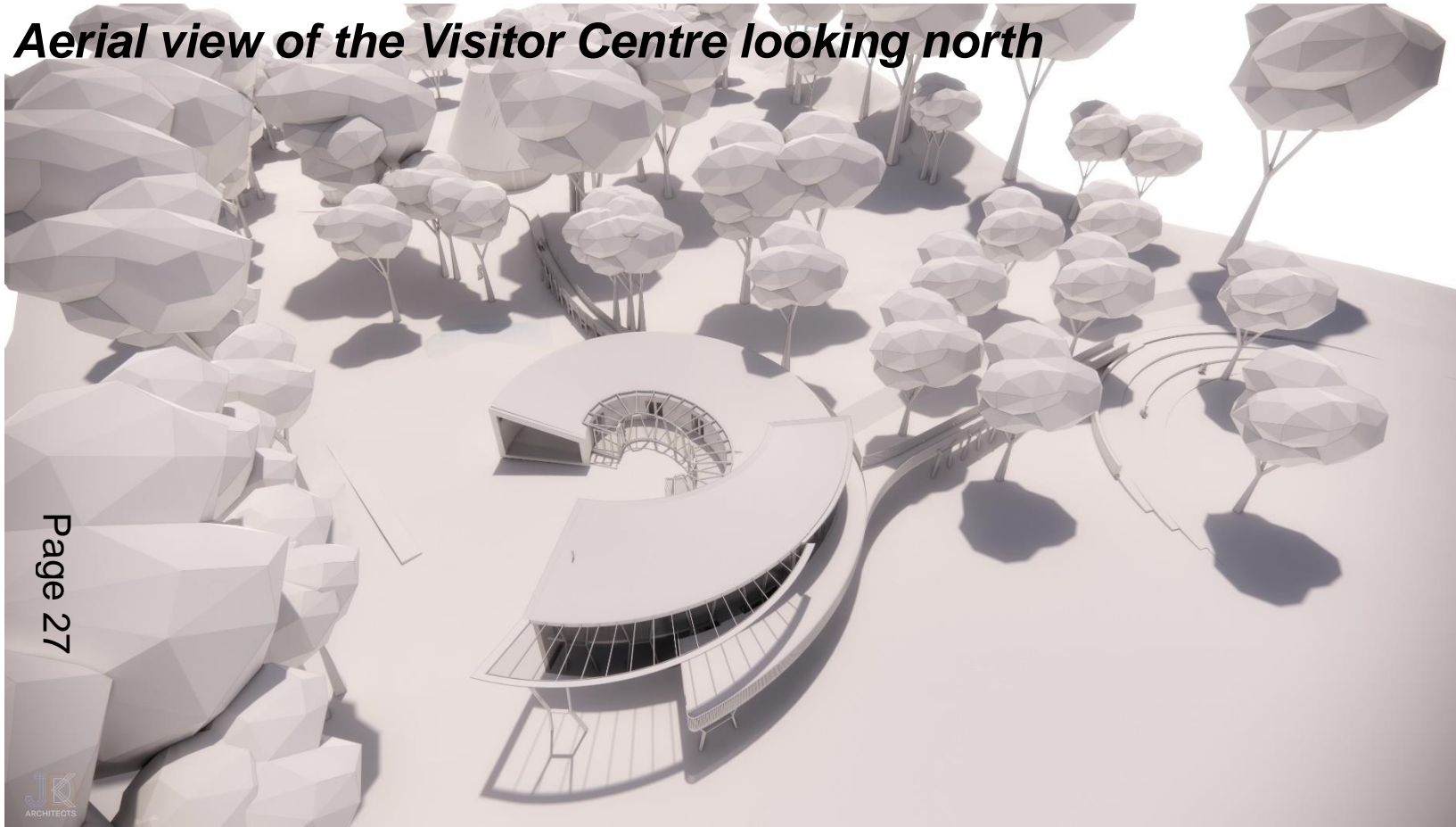
Ground Floor Plan



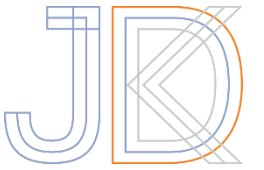
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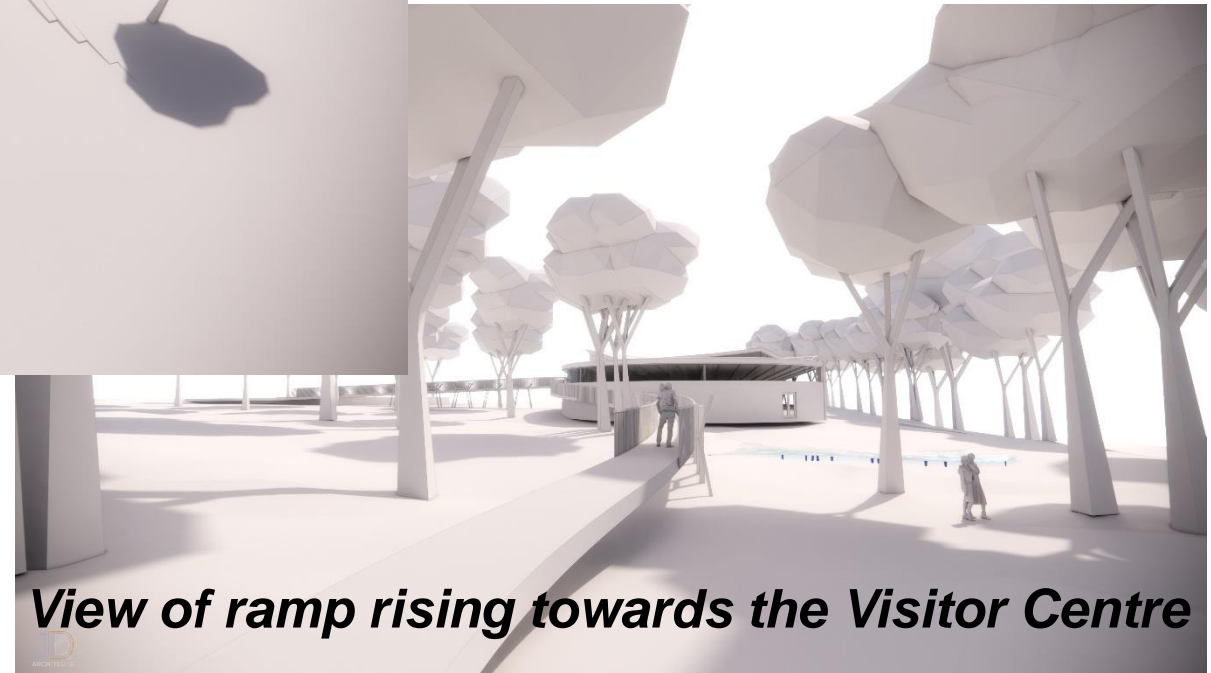
Aerial view of the Visitor Centre looking north



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GROWN IN OLDHAM

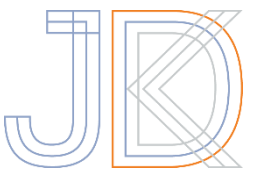


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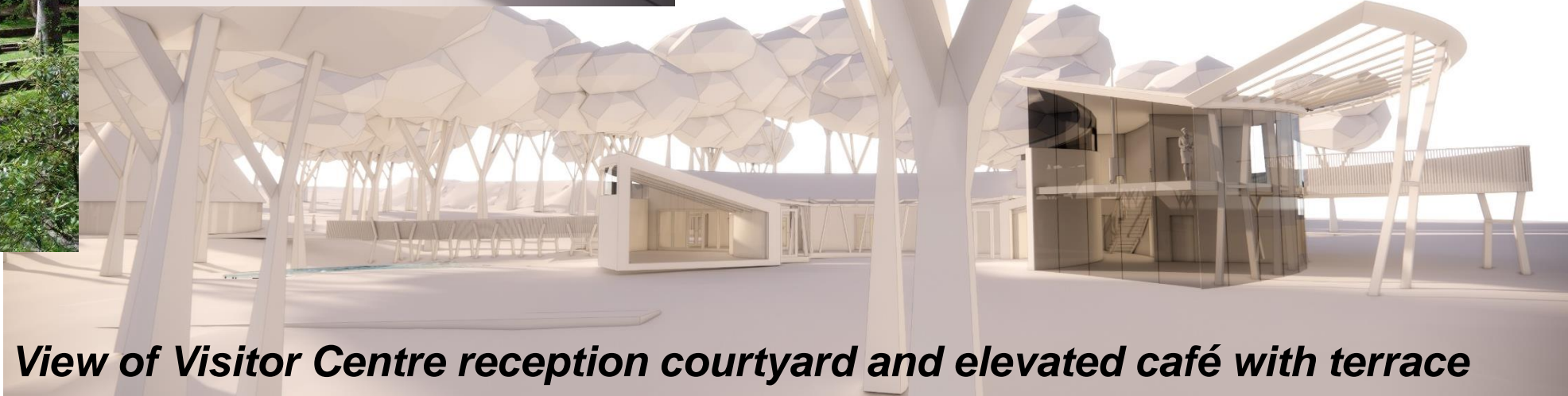
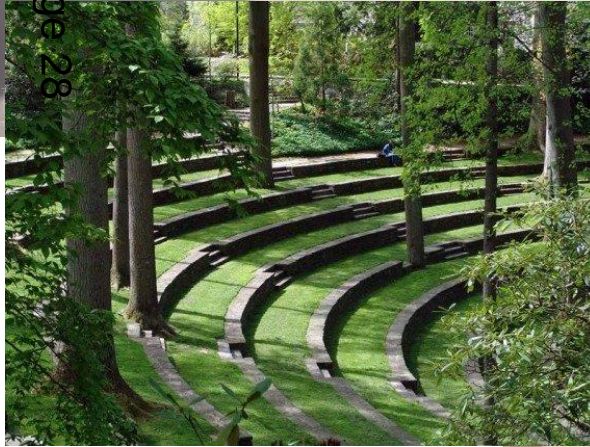
View of ramp rising towards the Visitor Centre

View from the amphitheatre to the Visitor Centre looking west



View through the café

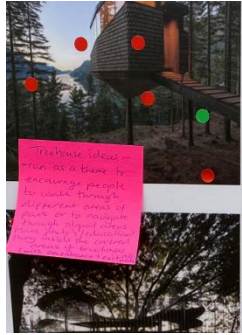
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View of Visitor Centre reception courtyard and elevated café with terrace

Concept designs... Learning Centre...the process so far...

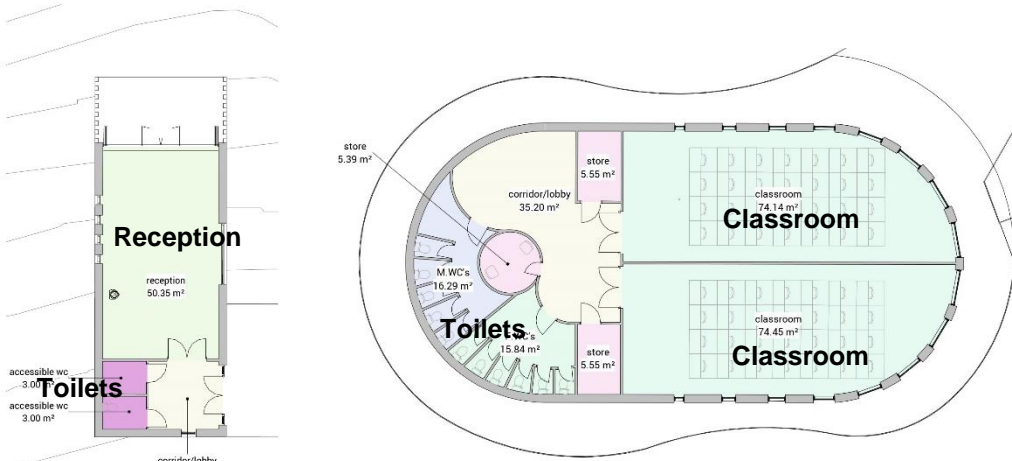
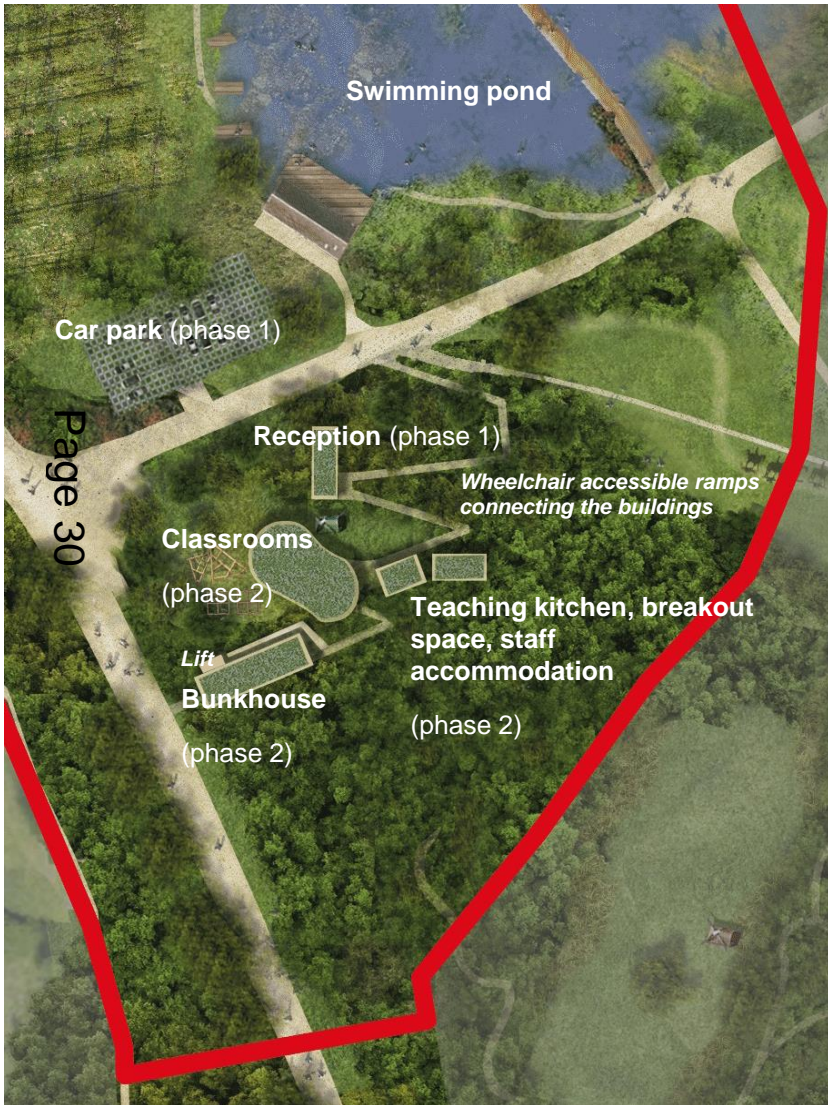
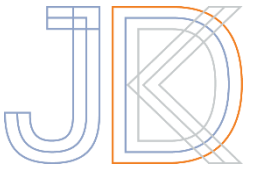
Your ideas of buildings spread out among the trees...



You liked this concept idea of a journey through the woodland to treehouse structures... but thought they could be closer together...

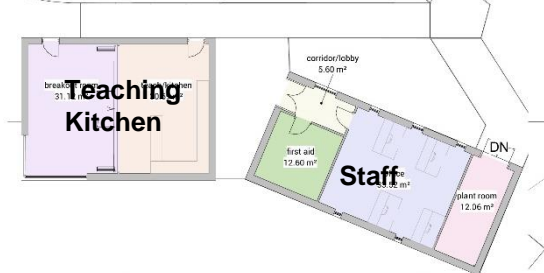


So we've made it more compact... ...revised concept designs for the Learning Centre...



Reception

Toilets and Classrooms



Teaching Kitchen & Staff



Bunkhouse



SEDUM GREEN ROOF



SCULPTURAL ROOF



TIMBER SHINGLES



HABITAT WALL



SCULPTURAL ROOF

Aerial view of the Learning Centre looking south

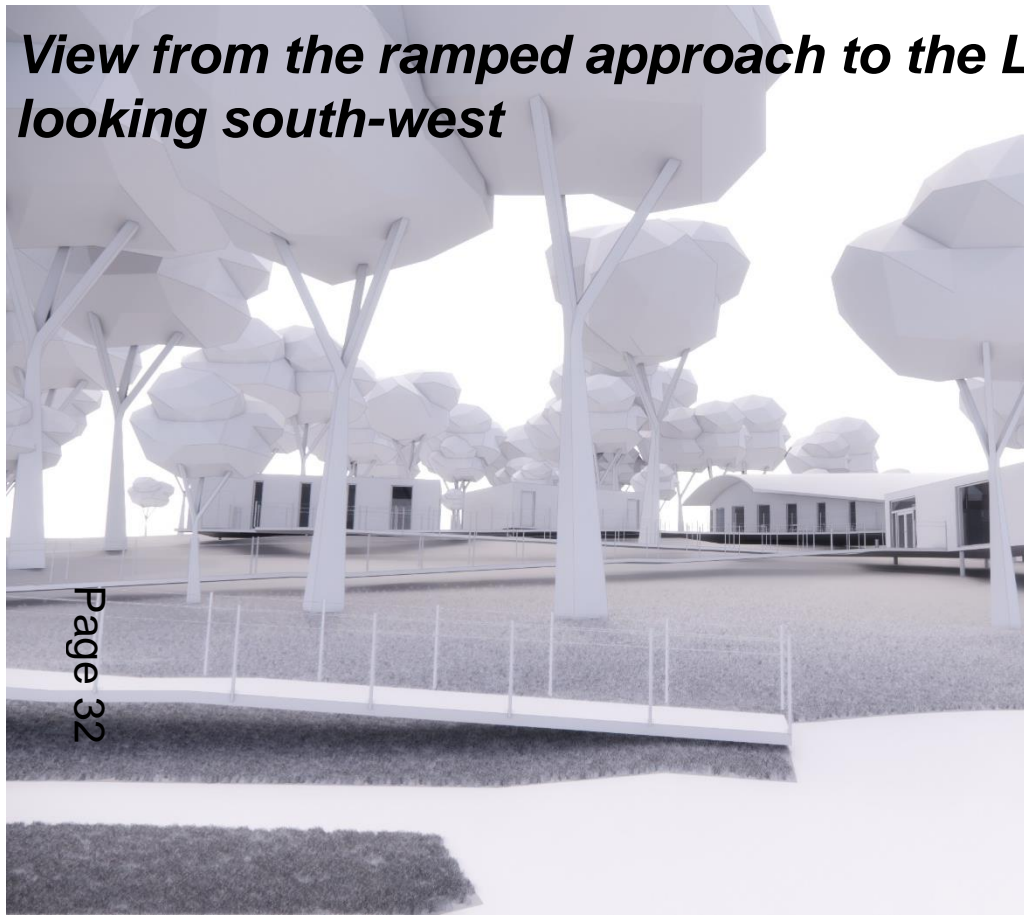


View looking from classrooms



View of the classrooms from the central area

***View from the ramped approach to the Learning Centre
looking south-west***



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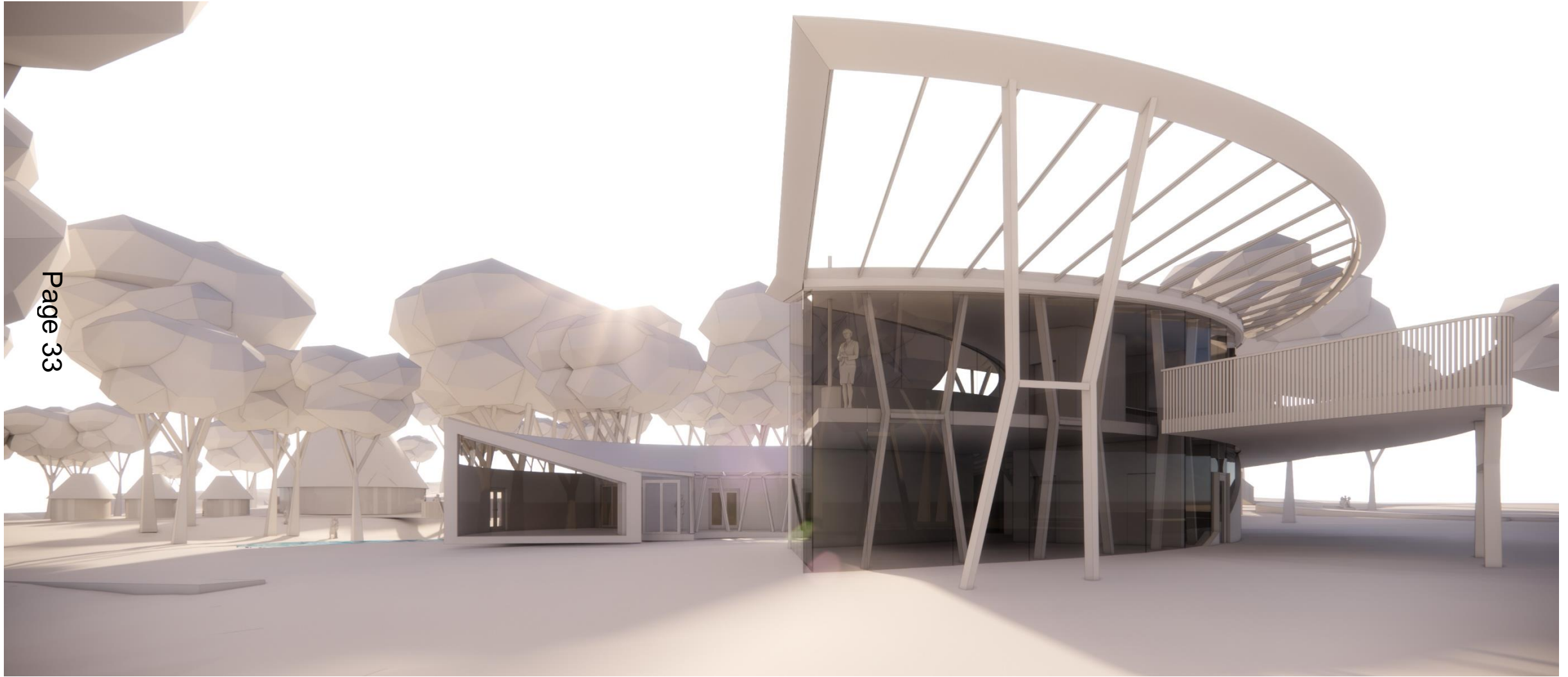


TREEHOUSE



View to the Learning Centre from Tip Road looking south-east

Let us know what you think of... ...the Visitor Centre designs...

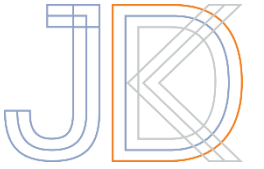


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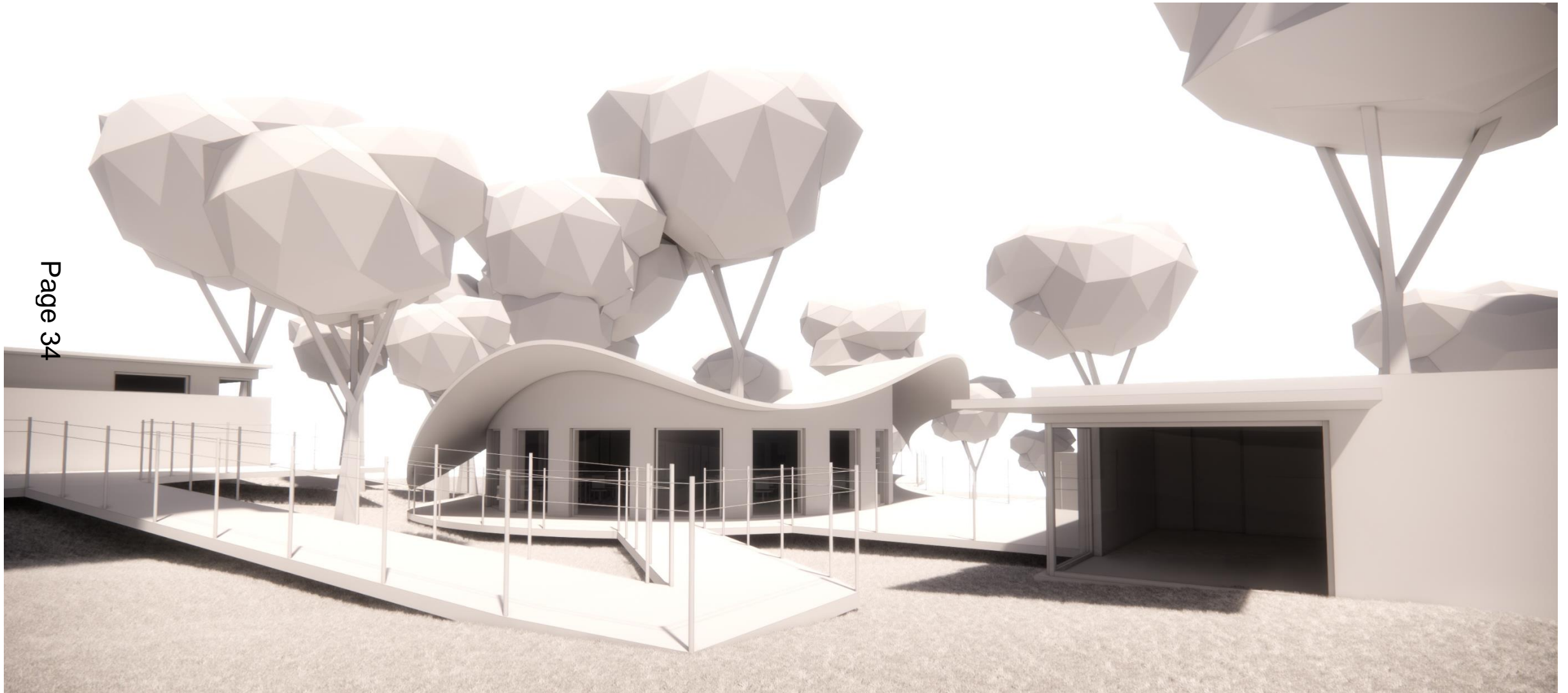
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Any Questions?

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POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

<p>Tues 15th 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 st 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 th July 2021	Covid-19 Recovery Strategy	Committee to receive an update.	Portfolio Holder: Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for	Item requested by Policy Overview & Scrutiny Committee 15 th June 2021

			<p>Economic and Social Reform</p> <p>Officer Contact: Rebekah Sutcliffe, Strategic Director of Communities & Reform Shelley Kipling, Assistant Director Communications, Strategy and Performance</p> <p>Report Author: 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
Weds 1 st September 2021 Special Meeting	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 21 st 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.	Consideration agreed by Committee, June 2021

			Andy Hunt, Programme Manager – Community Wealth Building.	
	Youth Justice Plan	To scrutinise the Youth Justice Plan for 2021/22	Portfolio - Children and Young People. Managing Director – Children and Young People. Paul Axon, Director – Young People’s Services, Positive Steps.	Policy Framework item.
	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.
	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.
Tues 9 th November 2021	Gambling Act 2005 Policy - refresh	To scrutinize proposed revisions to the Policy.	Portfolio - Finance and Low Carbon. Deputy Chief Executive. John Garforth, Licensing Manager.	
	Creating a Better Place and Spindles Shopping Centre	To receive updates one year after adoption of Creating a Better Place and acquisition of the Shopping Centre.	Leader / Portfolio - Finance and Low Carbon and Deputy Leader. Deputy Chief Executive.	

			Emma Barton, Director of Economy.	
	GM Taxi Standards – Vehicle recommendations	To consider the GM tax Standards for Vehicle recommendations	Portfolio - Finance and Low Carbon. Deputy Chief Executive. John Garforth, Licensing Manager	Update from Policy O&S in 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. Paul Axon, Director – Young People’s Services, Positive Steps.	Policy Framework item.
Thurs 11 th 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 rd 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 th December 2021				

Thurs 20 th January 2022	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.
Thurs 27 th January 2022	Administration Budget Proposals and related Matters	Council Tax Reduction Scheme; 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	Portfolio - Finance and Low Carbon and Deputy Leader. Anne Ryans, Director of Finance.	
Tues 8 th 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 nd 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.
	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&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&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&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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