

POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Agenda

Date Tuesday 14 June 2022

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, Barnes, Harrison, McLaren (Chair), C. Phythian, Wilkinson and Williamson

Item No

1 Appointment of Vice-Chair 2022/23

The Committee is asked to appoint a Vice-Chair for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

- 2 Apologies for absence
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 3 Declarations of Interest
To receive Declarations of Interest in any contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.
- 4 Urgent Business
Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair.
- 5 Public Questions
To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.
- 6 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 2)
The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2022 are attached for approval.
- 7 Participation of Young People aged 16-18 in Education, Employment or Training (EET) (Pages 3 - 8)
- 8 The Digital Sector: Workshop to review apprenticeships across Oldham and the offering of digital apprenticeships by the Council - outcomes (Pages 9 - 12)
- 9 Youth Council and the Make Your Mark Ballot
Youth Council representatives have been invited to the meeting, to include a report on the Make Your Mark ballot results.
- 10 Oldham Plan and Corporate Plan
To follow.
- 11 Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 - Outturn (Pages 13 - 30)
- 12 Key Decision Notice (Pages 31 - 40)
- 13 Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022/23 (Pages 41 - 52)



Present: Councillor McLaren (Chair)
Councillors Alyas, Brownridge, K Phythian, Surjan and
Williamson

Also in Attendance:
Kaidy McCann Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Curley and Hobin.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 27th January 2022 and 8th February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

6 **REVIEWING NEIGHBOURHOOD STRUCTURES**

The Committee discussed the Greater Manchester Police (GMP) Neighbourhood Structures. Members noted that since 2010, GMP had gradually lost Officers within the Force that resulted in hard to deal with situations and a loss of knowledge of the areas. Stability was lost as Higher Officers would leave after a short time before relationships with the Council and Members could be formed. Members explained that there was previously an Area Action Team with representations from all areas, which included the police, housing and the Council. The team was no longer around which was a disappointment as Members felt that the work undertaken by the team stopped offences from reaching worse stages.

Training of new Police Officers took two years. Members felt that lots of non-emergency work fell onto Social Workers and PCSO's were not taken seriously in the Borough. Members had been informed that the Police have agreed to attend the District Partnership meetings and did send Officers to Homewatch meetings when possible. GMP wanted to engage and help

Communities by establishing closer working. Members agreed that the Council Frontline services needed to be aligned with the Police to gain strengthened services for the Borough.

RESOLVED that the update be noted and a workshop be set up with Greater Manchester Police.



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The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 5.32 pm



Report to Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Participation of Young People aged 16-18 in Education, Employment or Training (EET)

Portfolio Holder:

Cllr Shaid Mushtaq

Officer Contact: Richard Lynch, Director of Education, Early Years and Skills

Report Author: Amanda Youlden, Education and Skills Officer

14th June 2022

Purpose of the Report

This report will update the Committee on current Participation and NEET rates together with a summary on activity during the past 12 months and planned in the future to ensure that we are shaping and influencing opportunities where possible for our 16-18 year olds.

Recommendations

Committee to note the current landscape and experiences of 16-18 year olds which is impacting on their Participation in education, employment or training.

Participation of Young People aged 16-18 in Education, Employment or Training (EET)

1 Background

The LA continues to fulfil its duties around encouraging, enabling and assisting young people to participate in education or training and tracking those aged 16 and 17 through the commission of the targeted support offer delivered by Positive Steps, this includes some dedicated resource for our SEND (EHC plans) and Children Looked After (CLA) cohort.

The effects of the pandemic on our young people are well reported with concerns still in place about the effect it had on their education over the past two years. Concerns about wellbeing, in particular loneliness, dissatisfaction with life, stress, anxiety, boredom and concerns about the future all continue to affect young people and their levels of engagement and motivation¹.

Our approach across partners in Oldham is to ensure that young people can access the advice and support they require; that we have opportunities available and to engage with our young people to hear their voices and respond as best we can.

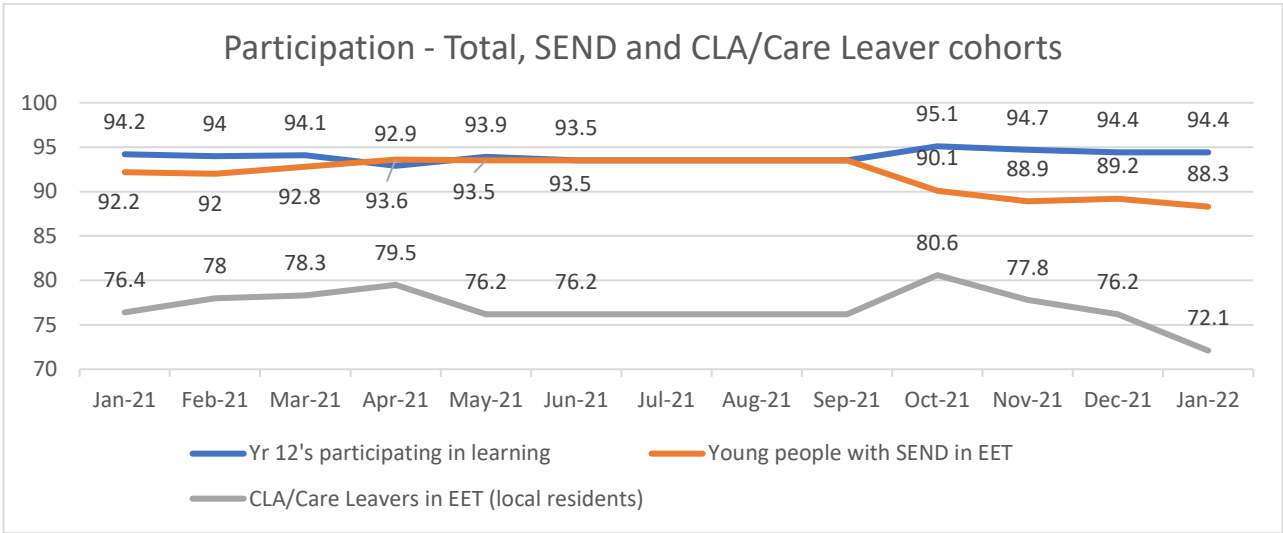
This report will update the Committee on current Participation and NEET rates together with a summary on activity planned in the future to ensure that we are shaping and influencing where possible for our 16-18 year olds.

2 Current Position

Currently 94.4% year 12s are participating in some form of EET, this rate has been consistently steady in the past 12 months, despite the additional challenges brought by the continuing effects the pandemic. The graph below shows the variations for the SEND and CLA cohort who have dedicated careers advisor resource available to them.

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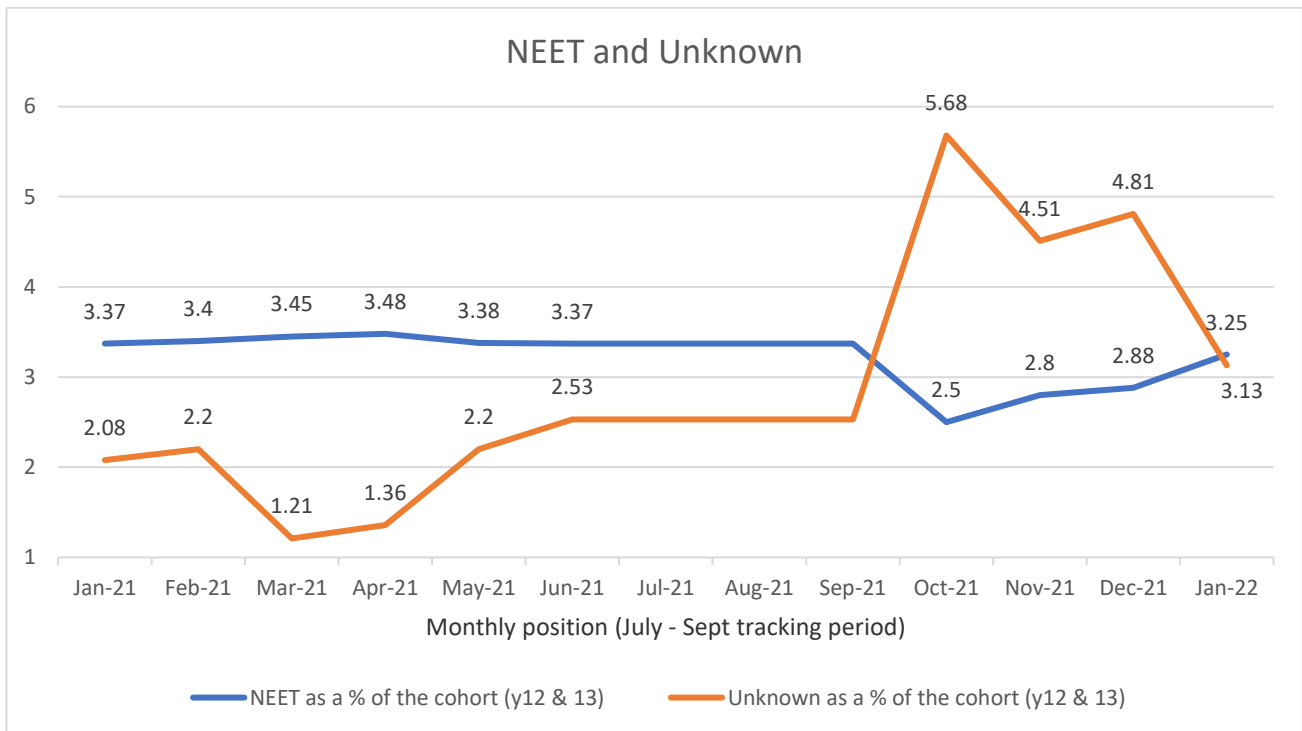
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It is not unusual for us to see Participation drop following the autumn term and this year is no different. The drop appears to be because of young people continuing to struggle to re-engage following the pandemic and re-adjust to a return to participation in person, some struggling with their mental health. The advisors working with the NEET cohort work closely to re-engage them in EET or local engagement programmes and we expect some positive engagements during January will be reflected in the Feb data.

The impact of the pandemic has been disproportionate on our CLA and Care Leaver young people and this presents as a larger drop in EET on the above graph. The smaller cohort also impacts the data, therefore is not unusual to see a bigger drop in EET. The struggle to re-engage and re-adjust to a return to in person participation in addition to the further barriers these young people face requires a higher level of support and our dedicated Careers Advisor support working with PA's is essential to ensuring these young people are encouraged and supported to re-engage.

The NEET rate currently sits at 3.25% and has been relatively steady over the past 12 months, with January 2022 position lower than January 2021. We receive monthly starter leaver information from providers to ensure that an advisor can contact young people and re-engage, ultimately reducing the amount of time potentially spent NEET. There are currently 205 young people recorded as NEET with 191 actively seeking EET opportunities – some have been waiting until the most recent restrictions have lifted, some due to health reasons are a little further from EET.



The offer available from post 16 settings is returning to a mostly face to face model, some providers still offer a blended learning model, a different way of working which is positive for some but not for others. Positive Steps careers advisors are continuing to engage with young people and report a number of reasons for withdrawal, including:

- Course doesn't suit, plans to return to a different course in September
- Preference to try and get an apprenticeship as an alternative
- Physical and mental health issues

The unknown figure has also risen slightly against January 2021 figures, again, on account of leaver lists where we have tried several and varied attempts at contact but have had to make the young person unknown as we cannot ascertain a certain destination. Follow up of these young people continues, although they are categorised as unknown. Given this rise, we intend to explore the reasons for this and work with partners to ensure young people access the support they need to participate.

3. Activity to Support Participation

Engagement programmes are essential for young people, never more so than now. We currently have a number of organisations offering provision in Oldham or GM that Oldham young people can access that will support young people to engage and obtain skills for education, employment or training:

- The Growth Company - ESF Skills Support for Growth ongoing
- Positive Steps – ESF NEET programme
- Ingeous – ESF NEET (18+)
- Groundwork – Re-connect programme ongoing
- Groundwork – Princes Trust TEAMS Programme (18+)
- Princes Trust – variety of online courses, updated monthly
- Reconnect at Mahdlo

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- Keyring – AdVenture programme (LD & Autism) 11 week programme
 - Step Into Your Future
 - OA NEET Project
 - Hidden Talent
 - Stepping Into NHS
 - Step Into Care (GM Health and Social Care Careers Hub)
 - Roots to Opportunity (Green Steps and Skill Mill (YJ))

Due to the rise in the number of funded projects available for young people in Oldham, we felt it is becoming increasingly difficult to navigate what's available for young people. We are working to create a visual of what's currently available to young people to support them to become EET. We are in the process of mapping out what's available and how this will support young people to re-engage and will be available for young people, parents and professionals to refer to.

The successful Stepping into NHS programme continues. It was originally funded by GMCA, but this phase of funding ceased in December 21. The partners involved (Northern Care Alliance, Positive Steps and Oldham Council) were successful in securing further funding via the Sustainable Futures Fund from the Princes Trust. The programme can now continue with re-focus on care experienced young people (and those with barriers) and increased cohort numbers. The project provides essential mentor activity and classroom learning to young people interested in working with the Northern Care Alliance in a variety of roles, predominately at Royal Oldham Hospital.

Oldham Training Provider and Personal Development Network met to discuss how we can support young people become EET in Oldham. All providers identified young people are struggling to engage with the variety of offers across the network. Addressing this will be an ongoing piece of work the network will address over the coming 12 months.

As adults working with young people we acknowledge the need for us to adapt our communication channels so we are available to young people on the platforms they choose to engage with and allow us to be a part of. We are experiencing a significant drop in young people accessing the physical spaces available to them to discuss re-engaging and returning to participation. With this in mind, we are beginning scope out a potential digital IAG offer, and what this could look like in the future, to see if young people begin to engage with this as a first step to participation.

We will continue to build on our activity to support Participation, in particular for our yr 11s who face uncertainty over the coming months. A few key areas include:

- Revised year 11 survey – with a greater focus on social and wellbeing needs.
- NEET survey – exploring aspirations and barriers to engagement.
- Mapping of local provision to identify any gaps.
- Explore rise in unknowns, reasons for this and seek options to reduce barriers
- Scoping of a potential digital IAG offer
- Continue to explore how we can grow engagement provision locally and also influence existing providers to flex in order to meet the needs of our young people.

4. Key Issues for Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Discuss

Increasing youth unemployment is an area of concern nationally which has been exacerbated by the pandemic. The societal impact of unemployment is well-documented, as is the negative impact on life chances for the long-term unemployed. Supporting young people to encourage participation in EET and to prevent an increase in 16 to 18 year olds becoming NEET, is therefore central to our strategies for addressing disadvantage in Oldham and to prevent longer term disengagement. This will continue to be an area of significant focus in our plans to shape recovery from the pandemic.

5. Key Questions for Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Consider

The Committee is asked to note the range of interventions currently in place to support young people into EET and prevent the incidence of NEET increasing, and to comment and discuss accordingly.

6. Links to Corporate Outcomes – An Inclusive Economy

#ourbit: Working with partners to create quality work prospects - and ensuring all residents can access new skills and opportunities and be work-ready

#yourbit: Making the most of the education and skills offer and aiming to better yourself

#result: An ambitious and socially mobile borough

7. Additional Supporting Information – n/a

8. Consultation – n/a

The voice of young people and engagement of a wide range of providers / stakeholders has been and will continue to be central to this agenda.

9. Appendices – n/a



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Report to Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Digital Sector: Workshop to review apprenticeships across Oldham and the offering of digital apprenticeships by the Council - outcomes.

Portfolio Holder: Cllr S. Mushtaq (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills) & Cllr S Akhtar (Cabinet Member for Employment and Enterprise)

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14th June 2022

Purpose of the Report

The Committee requested a report to support the discussion to develop a workshop 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 Members.

Consideration would relate to both the Employment, Work and Training and the Youth/Young People 'themed'/significant issue considerations.

This report is an update to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following the workshop. The workshop was delivered by officers to the Youth Council on Wednesday 23 March 2022.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to consider the report and, in particular, the key issues at paragraph 3, and to agree the Key Recommendations that

- a careers session is delivered to Barrier Breakers (a Youth Service run group for young people with SEND) in conjunction with Newbridge Academy Group and Positive Steps to directly respond to the highlighted inclusivity issues for pupils with SEND;
- the findings contained in this report are shared with Director of Education and the wider Education Leadership Team, Oldham Learning and OASHP (Oldham and Secondary Heads/Principles) or discussion; and
- Oldham Working and Workforce Development arrange to review with the Youth Council their comments regarding the scrutiny issue raised in respect of their presentations.

1 Background

- 1.1 The Committee proposed that a meeting would give initial consideration to proposals for a workshop involving Committee Members, the Youth Council and relevant officers (as agreed by the former Overview and Scrutiny 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.
- 1.2 Consideration would relate to both the Employment, Work and Training and the Youth/Young People 'themed'/significant issue considerations.
- 1.3 A report was provided to the Committee in January 2022 that contained an overview of the current position in relation to the digital sector, digitalization as a cross sector issue and the core skills platforms that are operating to support young people and sets out topics for a workshop.
- 1.4 This report is an update on the workshop that was delivered to the Youth Council and recommendations for the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 The workshop was delivered to the Youth Council on Wednesday 23 March 2022. The workshop was structured to deliver two presentations, "A review of apprenticeships across Oldham and the Employment landscape now and in the future" delivered by Jonathan Phillips from the Get Oldham Working Team and "Digital Apprenticeships within the Council" delivered by Jack Armstrong from the Workforce Development Team. The presentations were followed by a feedback session where officers asked the Youth Council to consider the following questions:
 - Have we answered the original question?
 - Is there any more information you want on this issue?
 - After what you have heard today, what do you think are the barriers to young people taking up these offers?
- 2.2 Overall, the majority of the Youth Council were satisfied we responded appropriately to their motion. However, there were some members who did feel that whilst an overview of the issue was provided, there was a lack of scrutiny on the work to date.
- 2.3 When we discussed what additional information the Youth Council felt they required, the range of responses and requests for information were diverse but had one defining theme. Most of the responses were questions that could and should be answered by quality careers education and careers advice from a suitably qualified careers advisor whilst in school.

A common theme was that young people felt they were unable to make an informed decision about apprenticeships/T levels or other work-based pathways due to several reasons including:

- lack of information/awareness during school, particularly around T levels and a misunderstanding that these qualifications are a longstanding option they were not aware of, when they were introduced in 2021 for a small number of subjects with a view to build and grow each year to wider sectors
- lack of understanding of the pathways available before young people take subject options (access to careers education/advice earlier)

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- pressure from parents to pursue an academic route
 - peer/parent influence, that all other pathways other than A levels are an inferior option
 - confusion around qualification levels and if certain qualifications meet entry requirements for Higher Education

2.4 The Youth Council highlighted the barriers they feel young people face taking up the offers discussed at the workshop. They discussed the stigma from peers and parents to take a particular pathway, the schools influence on pathways (those with 6th forms), lack of information and awareness of the offers available and a lack of inclusivity for those with SEND and how they access the pathways.

3 **Key Issues for Overview and Scrutiny to Discuss**

3.1 Officers attending the workshop perceived that our young people had not been able to access sufficient careers advice to ensure they were making the right choices in relation to their career choices for the future.

3.2. Careers statutory guidance was issued to schools and colleges by the DfE in March 2015 (updated July 2021) and clearly sets out the expectations from schools to deliver high quality careers education which provides young people with the skills, knowledge and encouragement they need to get the most out of their desired career path.

3.3 It is worthy of note that the pandemic has severely impacted schools, FE providers and career's services ability to provide quality careers education, recruit and establish links with local employers for work placement opportunities, schools and colleges were unable to host careers fairs which would showcase all pathways available to young people and the national communications plan for the new T-level qualification was scrapped to provide covid coverage.

4 **Key Recommendations for Overview and Scrutiny to Consider**

4.1 Deliver a careers session to Barrier Breakers (a Youth Service run group for young people with SEND) in conjunction with Newbridge Academy Group and Positive Steps to directly respond to the highlighted inclusivity issues for pupils with SEND

4.2 Share findings with Director of Education and the wider Education Leadership Team, Oldham Learning and OASHP (Oldham and Secondary Heads/Principles) for discussion

4.3 Get Oldham Working and Workforce Development arrange to review with the Youth Council their comments regarding the scrutiny issue raised in respect of their presentations

5. **Links to Corporate Outcomes**

5.1 The topic links to a Youth Council Motion. It also links to the Creating a Better Place plan

6 **Additional Supporting Information**

6.1 N/A

7 **Consultation**

7.1 N/a

8 **Appendices**

8.1 None

Background papers

The following papers were referred to in the preparation this report

- Department for Education statutory guidance “Careers guidance and access for education and training providers: Statutory guidance for schools and guidance for further education colleges and sixth form colleges. July 2021“

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1002972/Careers_statutory_guidance.pdf

- Report to Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 20th January 2022 “The Digital Sector: Developing a workshop to review apprenticeships across Oldham and the offering of digital apprenticeships by the Council”

[Youth Council Digital Sector Workshop.pdf \(oldham.gov.uk\)](#)



POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 - Outturn

Committee Chair: Councillor Colin McLaren

Lead Officer: Elizabeth Drogan, Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Report Author: Mark Hardman, Constitutional Services Officer

14th June 2022

Purpose of the Report

To present the outturn Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the attached outturn Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 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 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 13th July 2022.
- 1.3 In the interim, the outturn Work Programme for the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2021/22 is attached for noting, subject to the formal approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2022. The outturn Work Programme details the considerations given by the Committee during the 2021/22 Municipal Year and it's submission to this meeting brings a formal conclusion to the 2021/22 Work Programme, complementing the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report submission to Council.

2 Options/Alternatives

- 2.1 Option 1 – To receive and note the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22 Outturn.
Option 2 – Not to receive the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22 Outturn.

3 Preferred Option

- 3.1 Option 1 is the preferred option which brings a formal close to the 2021/22 Committee Work Programme.

4 Consultation

- 4.1 N/A

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 N/A

6 Legal Services Comments

- 6.1 N/A

7. Co-operative Agenda

- 7.1 N/A

8. Human Resources Comments

8.1	N/A
9	Risk Assessments
9.1	N/A
10	IT Implications
10.1	N/A
11	Property Implications
11.1	N/A
12	Procurement Implications
12.1	N/A
13	Environmental and Health & Safety Implications
13.1	N/A
14	Equality, community cohesion and crime implications
14.1	N/A
15	Equality Impact Assessment Completed?
15.1	No
16	Key Decision
16.1	No
17	Key Decision Reference
17.1	N/A
18	Background Papers
18.1	None.
19	Appendices
19.1	Appendix 1 – Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 Outturn

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WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22 - OUTTURN

Tues 15 th June 2021	Green New Deal Strategy and Generation Oldham	To receive an update on the Strategy and Funding.	<p>RESOLVED – that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
	Minimum Licensing Standards for Taxis and Private Hire	To scrutinize final proposals prior to decision making at both GM and local level.	RESOLVED – That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the findings of the GM Minimum Licensing Standards consultation.
	Covid-19 Recovery Strategy	To scrutinize the Covid-19 Recovery Strategy prior to consideration by Cabinet and Council.	<p>RESOLVED - that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

	GM 2040 Transport Strategy – Update and draft sub-strategies	To receive an update on the strategy and be briefed/ scrutinise a number of draft GM 2040 Sub-Strategies prior to submission to Cabinet (for endorsement) and GMCA (for approval)	RESOLVED – that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
	Equalities Strategy	To scrutinize the proposed Equalities Strategy	RESOLVED – That a report including programme would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee
Weds 21 st July 2021 Special Meeting	Joint Places for Everyone Development Plan Document (DPD)	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.	RESOLVED – That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend to Cabinet and Full Council approval of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of the Places for Everyone: Publication Plan 2021, including strategic site allocations and Green Belt boundary amendments, and reference to the potential use of compulsory purchase powers to assist with site assembly and the supporting background documents, for publication pursuant to Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 for an 8-week period for representations to begin not earlier than 9th August; and 2. Delegate authority to the Oldham Council Cabinet Member for Housing in consultation with the Executive Director to approve the relevant Statement of Common Grounds (s) required pursuant to the National Planning Policy Framework 2019; and

			3. Approve submission of the Places for Everyone Publication Plan 2021 to the Secretary of State for examination following the period for representations.
	Statement of Community Involvement	To receive an update on the Statement of Community Involvement in light of the proposed Places for Everyone Joint DPD.	RESOLVED – That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend approval of the SCI 2021 for consideration at Full Council and upon adoption to make it available to view alongside the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) 2020.
	Local Development Scheme 2021	To receive an update on the Local Development Scheme in light of the proposed Places for Everyone Joint DPD.	RESOLVED – That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend approval to Cabinet of the LDS 2021 and for publication upon adoption.
	Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan	To scrutinize final proposals in relation to the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan.	RESOLVED – That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorses the Clean Air Plan and Strategy.
Tuesday 27 th July 2021	Covid-19 Recovery Strategy	Committee to receive an update.	RESOLVED – 1. That quarter performance reports in respect of delivery against the Recovery Plan be presented to the Performance Committee in line with its terms of reference; and 2. That, in fitting with its terms of reference, any matter appropriate for the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider, via scrutiny of the quarterly performance report, be directed to it by the Chair/Vice Chair of the Performance Committee, through minutes of its meetings and/or the Head of Strategy and Performance.
	Outturn Work Programmes 2021-22		RESOLVED – 1. That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the Overview and Scrutiny Board Outturn Work Programme 2020/21, Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee Outturn Work Programme 2020/21 and the Health

			<p>Scrutiny Committee Outturn Work Programme 2020/21; and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee reserve the right to convene Joint meetings of the Scrutiny Committee when required; and 3. Requests that a Budget Training Workshop be scheduled for the Committee; and 4. That an update be sought regarding the outstanding Youth Offer as detailed on page 18 at Appendix 1 of the report; and 5. That an update be sought regarding Place Based Integration.
	Policy Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021-22		<p>RESOLVED –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/2022; and 2. That the Committee request a report from the Greater Manchester Police Authority in relation to the issues as highlighted above; and 3. That clarification be sought in relation to MASH.
Weds 1 st September 2021 Special Meeting	Greater Manchester Streets for All Strategy	To be briefed on/the Greater Manchester Streets for All Strategy, a sub-strategy of the GM 2040 Transport Strategy.	RESOLVED that the draft Greater Manchester Streets for All Strategy be noted and an update be provided to the Committee in 12 months' time.
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	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the progress in securing funding for some of the Council's previously unfunded projects and programmes, and the forward planning to progress others be noted. 2. the contribution from GMCA-level decarbonisation initiatives and programmes to Oldham's Green New Deal programme.

			3. the proposed approach to engaging the private sector in Oldham's Green New Deal programme for more detailed consideration by senior officers and Cabinet members be endorsed.
	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.	RESOLVED that: 1. A four-way conversation between the Northern Care Alliance, Oldham Council, Oldham College and Department for Work and Pensions be held to discuss employment support and local recruitment within Oldham. 2. An update on the report be provided in 6 months' time.
	Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy	To consider the Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2021-26	RESOLVED that: 1. The report be endorsed to Cabinet to approve the contents of the Oldham Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2021-26 and its associated delivery plan. 2. An update be provided to the Committee in 12 months' time.
Tues 9 th November 2021	Gambling Act 2005 Policy - refresh	To scrutinize proposed revisions to the Policy.	RESOLVED that the draft Gambling Policy be noted and commended to the Council for approval.
	GM Taxi Standards – Vehicle recommendations	To consider the GM taxi Standards for Vehicle recommendations	RESOLVED that the recommendations being submitted to Greater Manchester Combined Authority be noted.
	Creating a Better Place	To receive updates one year after adoption of Creating a Better Place and acquisition of the Shopping Centre.	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.
	Youth Justice Plan	To scrutinise the Youth Justice Plan for 2021/22	RESOLVED that the report be noted.
Tues 14 th December 2021	Policing in Oldham	Presentation on policing issues in Oldham	RESOLVED that: 1. The presentation be noted.

			2. An update be provided to the Committee in March 2022.
	Northern Roots Project	Presentation and update on the Northern Roots project	RESOLVED that the content of the presentation be noted.
	Youth Service Update	Update on matters related to the work of the Youth Council	RESOLVED that: 1. The update be noted. 2. An update be provided in March 2022 3. A workshop be set up between the Youth Service, Employability and the Committee to look at employment opportunities for young people. NOTE – Further report provided in January 2022
Thurs 20 th January 2022			
	Covid Update	Update on local matters related to the Covid pandemic.	RESOLVED that: 1. The update be noted. 2. A further update be provided to the Committee in 6 months' time.
	The Digital Sector: Developing a workshop to review apprenticeships across Oldham and the offering of digital apprenticeships by the Council	Discussion of issues raised through a Youth Council Motion to Council.	RESOLVED that: 1. A workshop be set up with those identified at point 3.3 in the report. 2. The workshop be held between 4.00pm and 7.00pm to accommodate maximum attendance by the Youth Council Members.
Thurs 27 th January 2022	Administration Budget Proposals and related Matters	Month 8 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report	RESOLVED that the following be accepted and commended to Cabinet, the : 1. Forecast revenue outturn for 2021/22 at month 8 being a £2.672m surplus variance. 2. Forecast positions for the Dedicated Schools Grant, Housing Revenue Account and Collection Fund 3. Use of reserves as detailed in Appendix 1 to Annex 1

		<p>Revenue Budget 2022/23</p>	<p>4. Revised capital programme for 2021/22 to 2025/26 at Month 8 as presented in Annex 2.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee accepted and commended the following to Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The policy landscape and context in which the Council is setting its revenue budget for 2022/23; 2. The key issues to be addressed in continuing to respond to the financial challenges facing the Council; 3. A proposed 2022/23 Council Tax increase of 3.99% for Oldham Council services (1.99% for general purposes and 2% Adult Social Care Precept) resulting in the charges set out at Table 19 of the report; 4. The financial forecasts for 2022/23 having regard to the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement and associated funding announcements, an overall budget reduction requirement of £33.826m; 5. A revision to the Budget Reduction proposals approved for 2022/23 at the Budget Council of 4 March 2021 to a value of £5.467m; 6. The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts at a value of £2.500m; 7. The proposed use of £20.951m of reserves to balance the 2022/23 budget including £0.405m to support the delivery of budget reductions for 2023/24 and a transfer to reserves of £1.360m for Retained Business Rates; 8. The proposal to draw on the Collection Fund for major preceptors of £120.698m for Borough Wide services and £102.932m for Council services (subject to confirmation);
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		<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2026/27</p>	<p>9. The proposed net revenue expenditure budget for 2022/23 for the Council set at £258.588m;</p> <p>10. The proposed fees and charges as set out in the schedule included at Appendix 7;</p> <p>11. The draft pay policy statement included at Appendix 8.</p> <p>With regard to the 53 recurrent 2022/23 Budget Reduction proposals at a value of £6.268m with a further £1.895m for 2023/24 and £1.150m for 2024/25, the Committee commended 52 of the proposals to Cabinet. It however requested that Cabinet considered its approach to the 2022/23 proposal, REF-BR1-526 Get Oldham Growing at a value of £0.062m, with a view to withdrawing the proposal, given the impact that it would have.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered, accepted and commended to Cabinet, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The policy landscape and economic context in which the Council is setting its Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2026/27; 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 2022/23 to 2026/27 having regard to the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement, three-year indicative Spending Review, key White Papers and associated funding announcements; 4. The key issues to be addressed in continuing to respond to the financial challenges facing the Council;
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		<p>Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2022/23</p> <p>Capital Strategy and Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2026/27</p> <p>Treasury Management Strategy Statement;</p>	<p>5. The proposed use of £6.000m of reserves to support the 2023/24 budget and £3.932m of reserves to support the 2024/25 budget; and</p> <p>6. The revised estimated budget reduction targets of £17.427m for 2023/24, £8.087m for 2024/25, £8.574m for 2025/26, and £6.142m for 2026/27 after the use of reserves (as at recommendation 5) and the impact of budget reductions agreed for 2021/22 and 2022/23.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council Tax reduction Scheme be unchanged in 2022/23 and therefore commended to Cabinet.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the following be accepted and recommended to Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Capital Strategy for 2022/23 to 2026/27 at Appendix 1 of this report and summarised at section 2.1. 2. The capital programme for 2022/23 and indicative programmes for 2023/24 to 2026/27 at Annex C of Appendix 1 and summarised at sections 2.2 to 2.6 of this report. 3. The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy as presented at Annex D of Appendix 1. <p>RESOLVED that the following be accepted and recommended to Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capital Expenditure Estimates as per paragraph 2.1.2; 2. MRP policy and method of calculation as per Appendix 1; 3. Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) Projections as per paragraph 2.2.4; 4. Projected treasury position as at 31 March 2022 as per paragraph 2.3.3;
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		<p>Housing Revenue Account Estimates and Proposed Outturn for 2021/22;</p> <p>Section 151 Officer Report</p>	<p>5. Treasury Limits as per section 2.4; 6. Borrowing Strategy for 2022/23 as per section 2.6; 7. Annual Investment Strategy as per section 2.10 including risk management and the creditworthiness policy at section 2.11; and 8. Level of investment in specified and non-specified investments detailed at Appendix 5.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the following be accepted and commended to Cabinet, the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forecast HRA outturn for 2021/22 (as per Appendix A) 2. Proposed HRA budget for 2022/23 (as per Appendix B) 3. Strategic estimates for 2022/23 to 2026/27 (as per Appendix D) 4. Proposed increase to dwelling rents for all properties of 2.1%. 5. Proposed increase to non-dwelling rents as per individual contracts. 6. Proposal that service charges are unchanged from those of 2021/22. 7. Proposal to set Extra Care Housing concierge charges to fully recover actual costs. <p>RESOLVED that the following be accepted and commended to Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed General Fund Balance currently calculated for 2022/23 at £19.935m. 2. The initial estimate of General Fund Balances to support the Medium-Term Financial Strategy is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £21.268m for 2023/24 and • £21.415m for 2024/25 to 2026/27.
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			<p>3. The intended report to be presented to the Audit Committee on Earmarked Reserves to ensure this area is subject to appropriate scrutiny.</p> <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 and affordability of the capital investments as noted in Section 4.</p>
Tues 8 th February	Lead Opposition Groups Budget Proposals	<p>To consider budget proposals presented by the Liberal Democrat Group</p> <p>To consider budget proposals presented by the Conservative Group</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the Committee referred the Liberal Democrat revenue and capital budget reduction and investment proposals to Cabinet for consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Committee referred the Conservative revenue budget reduction and investment proposals to Cabinet for consideration.</p>
	Oldham Green New Deal – 2030 Carbon Neutrality Target and Growing the Green Economy	To receive an update on initiatives in the Oldham Green New Deal programme which would contribute to achieving the 2030 carbon neutrality target for Oldham Borough.	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the progress on three key complementary strategic initiatives be noted:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping the green economic sector to identify opportunities for growth; Mapping the low carbon infrastructure opportunities across Oldham borough; and Soft market testing exploring the potential for a Strategic Low Carbon Investment and Delivery Partnership with the private sector the proposed approach to developing a Strategic Low Carbon Investment and Delivery Partnership for more detailed consideration by senior officers and Cabinet members be endorsed.
Tues 22 nd March	Policing in Oldham – Neighbourhood Working		RESOLVED that the update be noted and a workshop be set up with Greater Manchester Police.

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)
	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 <i>Been to cabinet, 3/22</i>

OTHER ACTIVITY

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.	Head of Service (Youth Service and Outdoor and Environmental Education Service). Chris Lewis, Lead Youth Worker working directly with the Youth Council.	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. <i>Issues have been progressed by the Policy O&S Committee (above)</i>
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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. <i>To be programmed</i>
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 <i>Item deferred to June 2022 meeting</i>
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.

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Report to POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Key Decision Document

Portfolio Holder: Various

Report Author: Constitutional Services

14th June 2022

Purpose of the Report

For the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review and note the Key Decision Document.

Executive Summary

Overview and Scrutiny has access to the Key Decision Document and timetable for decisions and intentions for consultation. For this Committee, there is an opportunity to identify items with implications for policy/service development not otherwise listed on the Committee work programme and to seek the opportunity to submit comments to the relevant Cabinet Member/Chief Officer during the course of the consultation process in relation to any key decision.

Recommendations

The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the Key Decision Document and to provide any comments.

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KEY DECISION DOCUMENT – COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM 20 MAY 2022

Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
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NC-09-22 New!	Enforcement Policy Approval	Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton	June 2022	Cabinet
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Description: To review and approve a revised Corporate Enforcement Policy in order to take account of updated guidance, codes of practice and new regulatory sanctions which have been introduced since the Council's Enforcement Policy was last reviewed in 2012.

To also agree a separate enforcement policy relating to the deciding of financial penalties and appropriateness of prosecution under The Tenant Fees Act 2019.

Document(s) to be considered in public or private:

Economic and Social Reform Cabinet Portfolio

New!	Old Library Phase 2	Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton	July 2022	Cabinet
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Description: Approval of the Outline Business Case and appointment of the preferred contractor

Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet Report (Part A)

Education and Skills Cabinet Portfolio

KEY DECISION DOCUMENT – COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM 20 MAY 2022

Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
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Children and Young People Cabinet Portfolio

Health and Social Care Cabinet Portfolio

HSC-09-21	NHS Oldham Health Checks	Deputy Chief Executive		Cabinet
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Description: Recommissioning the NHS Health Check offer and required spend
 Document(s) to be considered in public or private: NHS Health Checks Recommissioning Paper - PUBLIC

New!	Contract Award for the Integrated Community Equipment Services	Managing Director Community Health & Social Care Services (DASS) – Mark Warren	June 2022	Cabinet
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Description: To approve the award of a joint contract of agreement with Tameside Council and Oldham Council and the successful Contractor

Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Private - sensitive nature of the report

Housing Cabinet Portfolio

New!	ABEN Phase 5 Procurement	Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton	June 2022	Cabinet
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KEY DECISION DOCUMENT – COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM 20 MAY 2022

Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
<p>Description: Oldham Council's A Bed Every Night (ABEN) rough sleepers' accommodation project requires recommissioning from 1st July 2022 in line with contract procedure rules. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: N/A</p>				
New!	Housing Delivery Test Action Plan 2021	Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton	July 2022	Cabinet Member - Housing (Councillor Hannah Roberts)
<p>Description: The Housing Delivery Test (HDT) Action Plan 2021 responds to the HDT Measurement 2021 result published in January 2021. It is made up of two documents: Part 1 – Set's out the context, evidence and root causes for housing under-delivery in Oldham Part 2 – The Action plan itself Document(s) to be considered in public or private:</p>				
New!	Afghan Resettlement Schemes	Deputy Chief Executive	June 2022	Cabinet Member - Neighbourhoods (Deputy Leader - Councillor Amanda Chadderton)

KEY DECISION DOCUMENT – COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM 20 MAY 2022

Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
<p>Description: Decision to award a contract to First Choice Homes Oldham (FCHO) to deliver the Afghan resettlement schemes on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private:</p>				

Neighbourhoods Cabinet Portfolio

<p>NC-09-22 New!</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 36</p>	<p>Enforcement Policy Approval</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton</p> <p>Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton</p>	<p>June 2022</p> <p>June 2022</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet</p>
<p>Description: To review and approve a revised Corporate Enforcement Policy in order to take account of updated guidance, codes of practice and new regulatory sanctions which have been introduced since the Council's Enforcement Policy was last reviewed in 2012.</p> <p>To also agree a separate enforcement policy relating to the deciding of financial penalties and appropriateness of prosecution under The Tenant Fees Act 2019.</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private:</p>				
<p>New!</p>	<p>Performance Space</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton</p>	<p>August 2022</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>

KEY DECISION DOCUMENT – COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM 20 MAY 2022

Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
Description: Approval of Outline Business Case Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet Report (Part A only)				
New!	Renewal of Trees Surgery Framework of Contractors	Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton		Cabinet
Description: A report asking for delegated decision to Executive Director to appoint approved framework of contractors once the tender process is complete, rather than coming back to cabinet in order that the framework can be in place as soon after the expiry of current framework Document(s) to be considered in public or private:				
New!	Backlog Maintenance 2022/2025	Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton	August 2022	Cabinet
Description: Backlog Maintenance Priorities for the Council Corporate Property Portfolio Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Private - NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and it is not in the public interest to disclose the information because it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council.				

Corporate Services Cabinet Portfolio

Finance and Low Carbon Cabinet Portfolio

KEY DECISION DOCUMENT – COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM 20 MAY 2022

Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
FLC-18-21	Proposals for engagement of the Council's External Auditors for the financial years 2023/24 to 2027/28	Director of Finance – Anne Ryans		Cabinet
<p>Description: To decide on the Council's approach to engagement of its External Auditors from the financial years 2023/24 to 2027/28</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Proposed report title: Proposals for engagement of the Council's External Auditors for the financial years 2023/24 to 2027/28.</p> <p>Various appendices.</p> <p>Report to be considered in public.</p>				
FLC-01-22	Contract at Site A, Mumps, Oldham	Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton		Cabinet Member - Finance and Low Carbon (Deputy Leader - Councillor Abdul Jabbar)
<p>Description: To update contract at Site A, Mumps, Oldham.</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it is not in the public interest to disclose the information as it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council.</p>				
New!	Wrigley Head Solar Farm	Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton	June 2022	Cabinet
<p>Description: Update report on the Wrigley Head Solar Farm project and options for taking the project forward.</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private:</p>				

KEY DECISION DOCUMENT – COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM 20 MAY 2022

Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
New!	Enforcement Policy Approval	Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton	June 2022	Cabinet
<p>Description: To review and approve a revised Corporate Enforcement Policy in order to take account of updated guidance, codes of practice and new regulatory sanctions which have been introduced since the Council's Enforcement Policy was last reviewed in 2012.</p> <p>To also agree a separate enforcement policy relating to the deciding of financial penalties and appropriateness of prosecution under The Tenant Fees Act 2019.</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Enforcement Policy and the Lettings Agent Policy</p>				
New!	Procurement of Water and Wastewater Services	Director of Finance – Anne Ryans	June 2022	Cabinet
<p>Description: To approve the appointment of Wave via the NEPO (North East Procurement Organization) Water Retail Services framework.</p> <p>Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Private This is a commercial contract for the supply of water services to all Council Buildings, The rates in the contact are commercially sensitive.</p>				
New!	Approval to Award the Contract for the Delivery of the Early Payment Scheme			Cabinet
<p>Description: Document(s) to be considered in public or private:</p>				
New!	For the Supply & Delivery of Cleaning Chemicals and Materials	Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth - Emma Barton	June 2022	Cabinet

KEY DECISION DOCUMENT – COVERING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM 20 MAY 2022

Key Decision Reference	Subject Area For Decision	Led By	Decision Date	Decision Taker
Description: Approval to award a 4 year contract for the supply and delivery of cleaning chemicals and materials. Document(s) to be considered in public or private: Cabinet Approval Report - Private				

Employment and Enterprise Cabinet Portfolio

Commissioning Partnership Board

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Key:

New! - indicates an item that has been added this month

Notes:

1. The procedure for requesting details of documents listed to be submitted to decision takers for consideration is to contact the Contact Officer contained within the Key Decision Sheet for that item. The contact address for documents is Oldham Council, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UH. Other documents relevant to those matters may be submitted to the decision maker.
2. Where on a Key Decision Sheet the Decision Taker is Cabinet, the list of its Members are as follows: Councillors Shoab Akhtar, Mohon Ali, Barbara Brownridge, Amanda Chadderton, Abdul Jabbar MBE, Eddie Moores, Shaid Mushtaq, Jean Stretton and Elaine Taylor.
3. Full Key Decision details (including documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration, specific contact officer details and notification on if a report is likely to be considered in private) can be found via the online published plan at:
<http://committees.oldham.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=144&RD=0>



POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022/23

Chair: Councillor Colin McLaren

Lead Officer: Elizabeth Drogan, Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Report Author: Mark Hardman, Constitutional Service

14th June 2022

Purpose of the Report

For the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the Committee's proposed Work Programme for 2022/23.

Recommendations

The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the attached Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022/23.

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. The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee works to the following terms of reference as agreed by the Council in June 2020 -
- 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 In drafting the Committee Work Programme, the work programme and outcomes from the 2021/22 Municipal Year have been reviewed to ensure continuation of

business where appropriate. The business likely to come forward through the year has been considered and, where possible, scheduled in the programme. Such items particularly relate to the Committee's more 'strategic' roles of scrutinising the Council's key policy items, annual budget proposals, proposals with significant service and or budgetary implications, and 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.

- 1.4 Overview and scrutiny should be regarded as a 'dynamic' process in that issues should be expected to pass from one Committee to another at appropriate times: for example, activities and services following from approval of a Policy would in many cases be expected to be monitored by the Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Variation from this approach would be where this Committee reserves a particular issue for its own consideration on the basis that the item is deemed 'strategic'. In addition, any issue that falls within the terms of reference of the Health Scrutiny Committee would, in the first instance, be assumed to be the responsibility of the Health Scrutiny Committee. In all cases, the flow of business across Committee will be managed by the Statutory Scrutiny Officer in consultation with the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. It should, however, be noted that the scheduling of Committee business is, to some degree, in the hands of others: for example, consideration of GM-level business will need to reflect the decision making timetable of the GM Combined Authority.
- 1.5 The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme at this stage only notes business scheduled for meetings of the Committee and those items where there is a realistic prospect of consideration within the year. However, the use of workshops or of task and finish groups are a tool of the overview and scrutiny function, enabling longer and more in-depth consideration of issues than is possible in a Committee setting. Such events will be recorded in the Work Programme as they are called for, scheduled and held.
- 1.6 The initial Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022/23 is attached as an Appendix to this report. The Work Programme will be updated and re-submitted to each meeting of the Committee (excluding dedicated budget meetings) as the year progresses.

2 Options/Alternatives

- 2.1 Option 1 – To receive and consider the Committee Work Programme for 2022/23.
Option 2 – Not to consider the Work Programme.

3 Preferred Option

- 3.1 Option 1 is the preferred option as there is a Constitutional requirement for the Committee to have a Work programme.

4 Consultation

- 4.1 Consultation has taken place with lead Officers around scheduling and consideration of business relevant to the Committee. Initial consultation with the

Chair has been undertaken and will continue with the Chair and the Committee through the Municipal Year.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 N/A

6 Legal Services Comments

6.1 N/A

7. Co-operative Agenda

7.1 N/A

8. Human Resources Comments

8.1 N/A

9 Risk Assessments

9.1 N/A

10 IT Implications

10.1 N/A

11 Property Implications

11.1 N/A

12 Procurement Implications

12.1 N/A

13 Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

13.1 N/A

14 Equality, community cohesion and crime implications

14.1 N/A

15 Equality Impact Assessment Completed?

15.1 No

16 Key Decision

16.1 No

17 Key Decision Reference

17.1 N/A

18 Background Papers

18.1 None.

19 Appendices

19.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022/23.

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POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23

Tues 14 th June 2022	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. Amanda Youlden, Education and Skills Officer.	Part of the Employment, Work and Training – ‘themed’/significant issue consideration
	The Digital Sector: Developing a workshop to review apprenticeships across Oldham and the offering of digital apprenticeships by the Council.	To report back to the Committee on the Workshop delivered to the Youth Council on 23 rd March 2022	Portfolios – Education and Skills/Employment and Enterprise Executive Director Place and Economic Growth/ Managing Director – Children and Young People	Part Employment, Work and Training/part young people ‘themed’/significant issue considerations.
	The Youth Council and results of the ‘Make Your Mark’ ballot	To receive details of the annual ‘Make Your Mark’ ballot and hear the report of Youth Council representatives	Portfolio – Education and Skills Managing Director – Children and Young People Chris Lewis, Lead Youth Worker	Part of the young people ‘themed’/significant issue considerations.
	Corporate Plan	To scrutinise the draft Council Corporate Plan	Portfolio – Leader of the Council Executive Director Place and Economic Growth. Jonathon Downs, Corporate Policy Lead.	Policy Framework item

	The Oldham Plan	To scrutinise the draft Oldham Partnership Plan (sustainable community strategy)	Portfolio – Leader of the Council Executive Director Place and Economic Growth. Jonathon Downs, Corporate Policy Lead	Policy Framework item
Tues 26 th July 2022	Covid Update	Update on local matters related to the Covid pandemic.	Portfolio – Health and Social Care Deputy Chief Executive. Katrina Stephens, Director of Public Health	Update report required by the Committee, 20 th January 2022
	Creating a Better Place	To receive updates one year after adoption of Creating a Better Place and acquisition of the Shopping Centre.	Portfolio – Regeneration and Housing Executive Director Place and Economic Growth. Chris Lewis, Strategic Lead - Creating a Better Place	Update report required by the Committee, 9 th November 2021
Tues 20 th September 2022	Greater Manchester Streets for All Strategy	To be briefed on/the Greater Manchester Streets for All Strategy, a sub-strategy of the GM 2040 Transport Strategy.	Portfolio – Regeneration and Housing Assistant Chief Executive. Helen Fallon, Principal Officer Transport and Highways Policy.	Update required by the Committee, 1 st September 2021
	Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy	To consider the Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2021-26	Portfolio – Regeneration and Housing Executive Director Place and Economic Growth. Fiona Carr, Principal Housing Officer	Update report required by the Committee, 21 st September 2021

Tues 8 th November 2022	Youth Justice Plan 2022/23	To scrutinise the Youth Justice Plan for 2022/23.	Portfolio - Children and Young People. Managing Director – Children and Young People. Paul Axon, Director – Young People’s Services, Positive Steps.	Policy Framework item.
Thurs 10 th November 2022 (if required)	Admin Budget, tranche 1	To consider any initial budget proposals that may be presented by the Administration		
Tues 22 nd November 2022 (if required)	Opposition Budget, tranche 1	To consider any initial budget proposals that may be presented by the Lead Opposition Groups		
Tues 13 th December 2021				
Thurs 19 th January 2023				
Thurs 26 th January 2023	Administration Budget Proposals and related Matters	To consider budget proposals presented by the Administration together with	Portfolio - Finance and Low Carbon and Deputy Leader	

		the Housing Revenue Account and Schemes, Strategies and Programmes related to the Council Budget.	Anne Ryans, Director of Finance	
Tues 7 th February	Opposition Budget Proposals	To consider budget proposals presented by the Lead Opposition Groups	Opposition Finance Spokesperson(s) Mark Stenson, Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and Strategic Financial Management	
Tues 21 st March				

PENDING ISSUES

Joint Places for Everyone Development Plan Document (DPD)	To scrutinise the proposals contained within the proposed DPD for jobs, new homes and sustainable growth developed by nine of the local authorities in Greater Manchester, prior to their consideration by Council and/or Cabinet.	Portfolio – Regeneration and Housing Executive Director Place and Economic Growth Elizabeth Dryden-Stuart, Team Leader – Strategic Planning	Policy Framework item - Final consideration after Public Examination/prior to formal adoption. The timetable for further consideration is still to be advised.
The Local Plan	To scrutinize proposals in respect of the Oldham Plan prior to their consideration by Council and/or Cabinet.	Portfolio – Regeneration and Housing Executive Director Place and Economic Growth Elizabeth Dryden-Stuart, Team Leader – Strategic Planning	Policy Framework item - The draft for consultation programmed for approval in September 2022. Timing of scrutiny and its position within process being considered.

Equalities Strategy - Update		Portfolio - Assistant Chief Executive. Jonathon Downs, Corporate Policy Lead.	Following consideration of a draft Strategy in June 2021, the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy “Building a Fairer Oldham” was adopted by the Council in September 2021. The Committee had asked for a further report, including a programme, to be submitted. The timetable for this further consideration is under consideration (late autumn/winter).
GM 2040 Strategy and Sub-Strategies	To receive updates in the Strategy and be briefed/scrutinise a number of draft GM 2040 sub-strategies	Portfolio – Regeneration and Housing Assistant Chief Executive. Helen Fallon, Principal Officer Transport and Highways Policy	The scheduling of items to be determined in line with GMCA timescales.
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 provide a key focus on youth unemployment, with Care Leavers also featuring as part of the action plan.	Portfolio – Employment and Enterprise Executive Director – Place and Economic Growth Jon Bloor, Assistant Director Economic Growth.	Part of the Employment, Work and Training – ‘themed’/significant issue consideration.
Place Based Working	To receive an update on the development of the Place Based Model	Portfolio - Neighbourhoods Deputy Chief Executive	Item requested by former Overview and Scrutiny Board. Scheduling to be determined.
Policing in Oldham	Updates, including crime rates, actions taken against criminality, and policing in Oldham.	Chief Superintendent Chris Bowen, Greater Manchester Police.	Linkage to the ‘crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committee’ function. Recommendation - The Committee is asked to consider on future scheduling of updates.

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, Northern Care Alliance.	Update report required by the Committee, 21 st September 2021. Scheduling to be determined.
Green New Deal and related issues	Issues considered in 2021/22 included funding arrangements for the Oldham Green New Deal; Council, GMCA and government priorities and initiatives in green/low carbon issues; developing a strategic partnership for low carbon infrastructure; and development of a Strategic Low Carbon Investment and Delivery Partnership.		<p>The Committee gave particular attention to these issues during 2021/22 as a 'major issue'.</p> <p>Recommendation - The Committee is invited to indicate whether it wishes to continue to scrutinize this topic.</p>
Selective Licensing of Private Rented Properties Scheme			<p>This item had previously been listed on the Committee work programme and a Scheme was agreed by the Cabinet in March 2022.</p> <p>Recommendation - The Committee is invited to indicate whether it wishes to receive details of the Scheme and an initial report on implementation.</p>