

Oldham Borough Council



Council Meeting
Wednesday 10th July 2024

OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 2nd July 2024

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday, 10th July 2024 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, for the following purposes:

- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 2 To order that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22nd May 2024 be signed as a correct record (Pages 1 - 8)
- 3 To receive declarations of interest in any matter to be determined at the meeting
- 4 To deal with matters which the Mayor considers to be urgent business
- 5 To receive communications relating to the business of the Council
- 6 To receive and note petitions received relating to the business of the Council

(time limit 20 minutes)

There are no petitions for this meeting of Council to consider.

- 7 Youth Council

(time limit 20 minutes)

There is no Youth Council business.

- 8 Public Questions

(time limit 15 Minutes)

- 9 Reports of the Leader and Cabinet Members (Pages 9 - 88)

(Time limit 90 minutes)

Leader and Cabinet Members to present their reports.

Non-executive members may ask questions.

- a. Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Building a Better Oldham – including the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held 26th February 2024 and 18th March 2024 and the meetings of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority held 23rd February 2024 and 22nd March 2024
- b. Deputy Leader and Decent Home Portfolio Holder
- c. Deputy Leader and Value for Money and Sustainability Portfolio Holder
- d. Children and Young People's Portfolio Holder
- e. Education and Skills Portfolio Holder

- f. Enterprise Portfolio Holder
- g. Adults, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder
- h. Don't Trash Oldham Portfolio Holder
- i. Thriving Communities and Culture Portfolio Holder

10 Notice of Administration Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Motion 1 - A voice for those affected by Child Sexual Exploitation in Oldham

to be Moved by Councillor Hobin

Seconded by Councillor Hince

In June 2022, the Greater Manchester Independent Assurance Review in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation published its second report which looked into the effectiveness of safeguarding practice in the borough of Oldham.

Since that time survivors, advocates and campaigners have articulated a series of areas which they believe the assurance review was unable to cover due to its restricted terms of reference. These are;

- That the Assurance Review team heard limited testimony from those affected by Child Sexual Exploitation in the Borough of Oldham and that, as a result, other survivors and their families were not provided with the opportunity for their cases to be reviewed or to have their voices heard.

and

- That the time-period and scope set by the Independent Assurance Review was too limited.

Concerns have also been raised that some of those who claimed to have evidence relating to abuse and exploitation did not engage with the review and/or refused to share that evidence.

Since the publication of the Assurance Review in June 2022 numerous calls have been made to the Home Office for a wider Public Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in the Borough of Oldham. To date, these calls have been rejected. The Home Office saying that it is within the power of the Local Authority to commission an Independent Inquiry.

The survivors should be the first consideration and their questions and concerns answered. There should also be a pathway for perpetrators and facilitators to be brought to account.

Oldham Council resolves:

- To write to the Home Secretary requesting a Home Office led Public Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in the borough of Oldham.
- To continue the work with survivors and others affected in preparing the framework and to commission an Independent Inquiry should the Home Office refuse the above request.

- That any Inquiry should provide a voice for those affected by Child Sexual Exploitation in Oldham and provide the very best support and protection to those who wish to come forward with their testimony.

Motion 2 - Get Veterans Moving More

To be Moved by Councillor Shah

Seconded by Councillor Rustidge

According to the 2021 Census, approximately 6,000 Oldham residents are former members of either the UK regular or reserve armed forces. This Council believes that these veterans should be eligible for discounted membership at Oldham Community Leisure (OCL) facilities.

This Council notes:

- The percentage of physically active adults in Oldham in 2021/22 was 62.7% compared to the 67.3% in England, and the Council and our partners on the Health and Wellbeing Board are committed to getting Oldham's residents 'Moving More'.
- Making it easier for Oldham's veterans' population to access OCL provision across the Borough will support the 'Moving More' strategy in particular the strand: 'Supporting VCF organisations to be able to provide services and work with their communities to increase Physical Activity'.
- Increased physical activity amongst veterans will lead to positive outcomes for their own health and wellbeing and generate further benefits via social value.

This Council resolves:

- To ask the Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities and Culture, the Director of Public Health and the Director of Communities to liaise with Oldham Community Leisure on the implementation of a concessionary membership for veterans of HM Armed Forces.
- To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Defence asking the Ministry of Defence to explore further opportunities for discounted gym/leisure passes nationally.

11 Notice of Opposition Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Motion 1: Removing Oldham Borough from Places for Everyone

To be moved by Councillor Sykes

Seconded by Councillor Woodvine

This council recognises that:

- Places for Everyone is based on 'housing need' calculations which are already the better part of a decade old.
- Places for Everyone does not give guarantees with regards to the delivery of affordable and socially rented homes.
- 'Places for Everyone' represents a developer-led approach.
- It would see the irreparable loss of Green Belt sites and green spaces which is not necessary.
- It uses Green Belt for the delivery of a housing strategy focused solely on

developer profit.

- It does not deliver the right mix of affordable housing types and tenures in the places people want to live.
- We also believe the Adoption Statement for the Plan presented at the last Full Council meeting in March 2024 was misleading by implying that all the main modifications had been consulted on. This was not the case, as none of the main modifications related to HS2 have been consulted upon.

This council resolves to:

1. Request the new Secretary of State to revoke the Plan 'Places for Everyone' in the interest of all Oldham's residents, businesses and other stake holders for the reasons stated above.
2. In order for Council to consider this decision at its next meeting in September, the relevant council officers are requested to present a full report on the planning, legal, equalities and all other considerations of such a revocation.
3. Should the request be approved Oldham Council' withdraw engagement and support for the defence of the judicial review of 'Places for Everyone'.
4. Should the Plan be revoked the Green Belt boundaries should be restored to their pre-adoption state.
5. If the Plan is revoked develop an Oldham-led housing strategy that prioritises brownfield and ex-industrial sites, while protecting greenbelt and green spaces for future generations.

Motion 2: Request for a public inquiry into historic and current CSE within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council area

To be moved by Councillor Quigg

Seconded by Councillor Al-Hamdani

People in positions of power at both Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (OMBC) and Greater Manchester Police (GMP) have yet to be held to account for their failure to protect our children from child sexual exploitation (CSE).

People of all communities in Oldham have as result of delay, obstruction and passage of time lost trust in OMBC and GMP.

As recently as January 2024, the highly respected Maggie Oliver referenced the Oldham Assurance Review and told its authors Malcom Newsam & Gary Ridgway that in Oldham they had been prevented from getting to the truth. This is after it emerged that survivors had been prevented from giving testimony to the Review Team.

The findings of the Mayor of Greater Manchester's Assurance Review neither provided assurance nor sufficiently reviewed what had taken place. Despite claiming there was no cover up, and that lessons had been learned.

This Council notes:

Survivors deserve to see the full powers of law used to bring the criminals of these depraved acts to justice, no matter their rank politically, in the community, at OMBC or GMP.

OMBC, and as such its members herein, have a duty to protect children and vulnerable people of the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham and beyond. The reality is, until we get to the root of the issue, we cannot move forward as we are unable to ensure that failings highlighted in the review are not continuing.

There is a significant groundswell of opinion that an independent public inquiry is needed.

This Council resolves:

- To write to the Home Secretary of His Majesty's Government to demand that a public inquiry into historic and current CSE within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council area. That any such investigation will investigate the failure of OMBC, GMP and all associated bodies or groups in Oldham which failed to protect our children.

This Council further resolves that:

- If the Home Secretary refuses a public inquiry that OMBC approves the commissioning and implementation of a non-statutory independent inquiry historic and current CSE within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council area. That any such investigation will investigate the failure of OMBC, GMP and all associated bodies or groups in Oldham which failed to protect our children and to instruct OMBC officers to commission such an inquiry immediately.

Motion 3: Extend Burial Times in Oldham Cemeteries

To be moved by Councillor Zaheer Ali

Seconded by Councillor Kouser

We believe that Oldham Council needs to extend the operational hours of all cemeteries within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council area to 22:00, seven days a week. This proposal aims to introduce a fixed tariff for burial services during operational hours (9:00 – 17:00) at all hours of operation, benefiting all Oldham's residents.

Currently, Oldham cemeteries operate from 09:00 to 16:00, Monday to Friday. The costs associated with burials within these hours vary, with additional fees applied for out-of-hours services, such as evenings and weekends. These fees can significantly increase the financial burden on grieving families and at a time of cost-of-living crisis, we believe it is important to have one fee throughout the week.

Currently, we have a booking system which is Monday to Friday and the cut-off time to book a burial slot for the same day is 10:00. Furthermore, the documentation required by the registration office has a cut-off time of noon, this bureaucracy of paperwork and facilitation of burials is needlessly time restricted, this motion is seeking to extend both the booking for burials and the registration of burials to 17:00 in line with all other council services, giving the family of the bereaved sufficient time to arrange same day burials.

This motion aligns with our commitment to cater to the diverse needs of our community and enhance the quality of life for all Oldhamers.

This Council notes that:

- These changes mirror other boroughs and councils throughout the Northwest and West Yorkshire and bring Oldham in line with these councils.

- Extended hours provide greater flexibility for all Oldham residents, accommodating those with varied schedules, and allowing families to plan funerals outside of standard working hours.
- Weekend and evening options reduce the stress of arranging burials during the workweek, fostering a more compassionate approach to bereavement.
- Comparative Analysis:

Service Hours Weekdays Weekdays Out of Hours Weekends	Current Times 9.00 – 16 :00 15 :00 – 17 :00 Out-of-hours	Proposé Times 9.00 – 17:00 17:00 – 22:00 9:00 – 22:00
Cost Structure Weekdays	Current Costs Proposed Fixed Tariffs Standard fees Fixed (9 :00 – 17 :00)	Same (may require readjustment of out of hour fees to incorporate additional cost of extended times – subject to review)
Evenings/Weekends	Out-of-hours fees	Out of Hour Fees (may require readjustment of out of hour fees to incorporate additional cost of extended times – subject to review)

The Council resolves to:

- Immediately begin a pilot scheme in Chadderton Cemetery for twelve months and run a comprehensive review to ascertain the feasibility of the new timings.
- That from the comprehensive review the Council will determine the appropriate fixed tariff, ensuring it covers the operational costs while remaining affordable.

Following a successful outcome of the pilot scheme the Council will further resolve:

- To extend burial times to 10:00 daily and introduce the fixed tariffs so that Oldham Council can provide a more inclusive, supportive, and equitable service for all residents. By giving considerably more time for bookings and paperwork, we are enabling funeral directors and families to be able to book a burial within the same day.
- That cemeteries in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham are to remain open until 22:00, seven days a week.
- That the extension includes evening and weekend services without the need for special out-of-hours arrangements.
- To introduce a fixed tariff for burial services during the extended hours. This fixed rate aims to provide transparency and financial predictability for all families. The changes will remain cost-neutral and not add extra costs to the council and in the long run save the Council money.

Motion 4: Save Oldham Coliseum

To be moved by Councillor Wilkinson
Seconded by Councillor Ball

Oldham Coliseum Theatre was a treasured local asset that has drawn audiences from across the country to Fairbottom Street for more than 135 years. The Coliseum was a training ground for a host of stars - from Bernard Cribbins, who joined at 14 and stayed for seven years, to Coronation Street's Jean Alexander (Hilda Ogden), Barbara Knox (Rita Sullivan), William Roache (Ken Barlow) and Julie Hesmondhalgh (Hayley Cropper)

Others to have trod its boards include Happy Valley's Sarah Lancashire, Doctor Foster's Suranne Jones, new Doctor Who companion Millie Gibson, and Olivia Cooke from HBO's House of the Dragon.

Many theatregoers and those from across the country, as well as some of the biggest names in UK performing arts have raised their voices and concerns over the closure of the Oldham Coliseum.

The closure of the Coliseum on Fairbottom Street has left a hole in our boroughs cultural offering. There have sadly been numerous failures along the way which have contributed to the closure of the theatre, from a failure to secure a long-term future for the site and missed opportunities linked with the numerous regeneration projects.

This Council notes that:

- Oldham Coliseum was one of only a handful of producing theatres outside of London.
- In February 2023, that the former Council Leader regrettably made comments claiming that the Fairbottom Street theatre "is at the end of its lifespan" and is "no longer fit for purpose".¹
- In September 2023, despite the then leadership of this Council publicly stating otherwise, a study commissioned by the Coliseum Board concluded that the Fairbottom Street building was not beyond repair and could be used again and brought up to a modern standard with the appropriate investment.
- In April 2024 the Leader of the Council stated that there were proposals for how the Council could bring the Fairbottom Street site back to life and would be producing plans for what a future for that building could look like.²

This Council resolves:

- 1) To bring forward the proposals and feasibility of refurbishing the Fairbottom Street building to house the Oldham Coliseum Theatre so it can reopen at Fairbottom Street.
- 2) To aggressively seek other funding streams to finance the redevelopment of the existing venue, including the reallocation of funds from other initiatives linked with the future of Oldham Coliseum.
- 3) To write to and demand that the [Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport](#), the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the Art's Council fast-track any grants available and provide any and all assistance their offices can offer to help bring the Fairbottom Street back to life.
- 4) To bring a report to full Council as soon as possible outlining the steps that this Council can take to support the Oldham Coliseum Theatre to remain at home, on Fairbottom Street.

¹ <https://www.theoldhamtimes.co.uk/news/23352598.oldham-coliseum-council-reckless-save-theatre/>

² <https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/theatre-news/oldham-coliseum-rescue-very-much-29064042>

5) That this Council will exhaust all options in order to reopen Oldham Coliseum Theatre at Fairbottom Street.

12 Update on Actions from Council (Pages 89 - 150)

To notes actions taken arising from Council meetings.

13 Appointment of Committees and Composition of Political Groups (Pages 151 - 160)

A report that reviews the political composition of committees and to note the composition of the political groups represented on the Council.

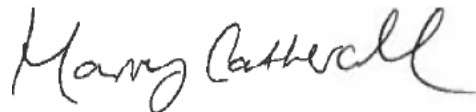
14 Constitution Update (Pages 161 - 196)

To approve updates to the Council's Constitution

15 Appointment of Independent Members on the Independent Remuneration Panel (Pages 197 - 198)

To approve the appointment of Independent Members on the Independent Remuneration Panel.

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

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

**Harry Catherall
Chief Executive**

PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE OF MOTIONS
NO AMENDMENT

MOTION – Mover of the Motion to MOVE



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



DEBATE ON THE MOTION: Include Timings



MOVER of Motion – Right of Reply



VOTE – For/Against/Abstain



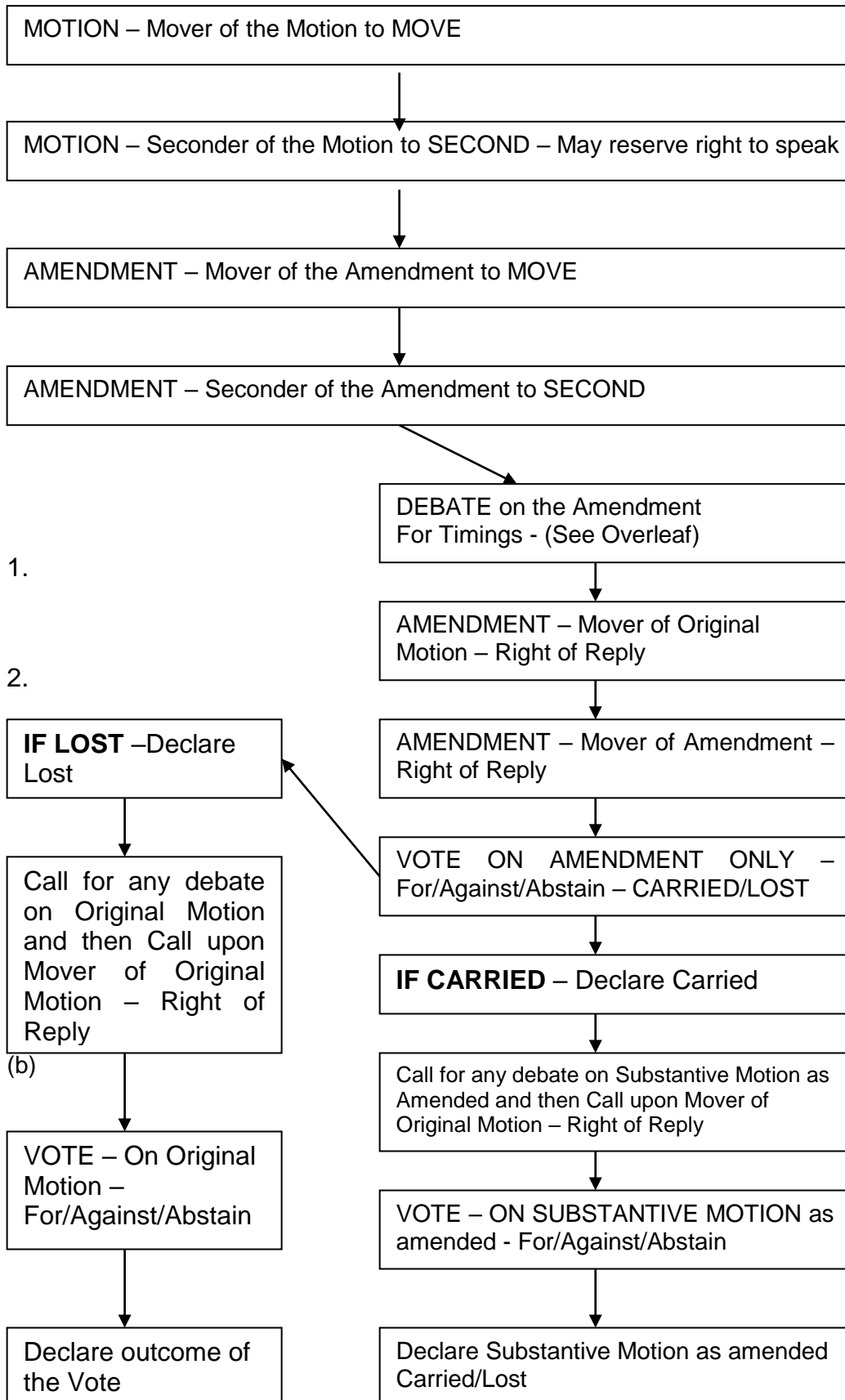
Declare outcome of the VOTE

RULE ON TIMINGS

(a) No Member shall speak longer than four minutes on any **Motion or Amendment**, or by way of question, observation or reply, unless by consent of the Members of the Council present, he/she is allowed an extension, in which case only one extension of 30 seconds shall be allowed.

(b) A Member replying to more than one question will have up to six minutes to reply to each question with an extension of 30 seconds

WITH AMENDMENT



Present: The Mayor – Councillor Chauhan (in the Chair)

Councillors Adams, Akhtar, Al-Hamdani, M Ali, Z Ali, Arnott, Aslam, Azad, Ball, Bashforth, Bishop, Brownridge, Byrne, Charters, Chowhan, Cosgrove, Davis, Dean, Ghafoor, Goodwin, Hamblett, Harkness, Harrison, Hince, Hindle, Hobin, Hughes, Hurley, A Hussain, F Hussain, J. Hussain, S. Hussain, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Islam, Jabbar, Kenyon, Kouser, Lancaster, Malik, Marland, McLaren, Moores, Murphy, Mushtaq, Nasheen, Navesey, Quigg, Rustidge, Shah, Sharp, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Sykes, Taylor, Wahid, Wilkinson, Williamson and Woodvine

1 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

2 **TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE 2024/25 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Councillor Hobin **MOVED**, Councillor Shah **SECONDED** and Councillor Sheldon **SUPPORTED** the election of Councillor Zahid Chauhan as Mayor of the Borough and Chair of Council for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

On being put to the vote, the nomination was **CARRIED**.

Councillor Chauhan signed the declaration required by law, which enabled him to act in the Office of Mayor.

(The Mayor, Councillor Chauhan, in the Chair).

The Mayor then made a speech of acceptance of office.

RESOLVED

1. Councillor Zahid Chauhan be appointed Mayor of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council and Chair for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.
2. That Council notes the appointment of Councillor Chauhan's children Aneeq, Aila and Amelia to act as his consorts during the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

3 **TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2024/25**

Councillor Shah **MOVED** and Councillor Taylor **SECONDED** the election of Councillor Moores as Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair of Council for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

On being put to the vote, the nomination was **CARRIED**.
Councillor Moores signed the declaration required by law which enabled him to act in the office of Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED that Councillor Moores be appointed Deputy Mayor for Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council and Vice Chair for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.



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4 **TO ORDER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2024 BE SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th March 2024 be approved as a correct record.

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

There were no declarations of interests.

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

The Mayor permitted Councillor Hobin to address Council regarding an incident that occurred on Level 3 of the Civic Centre, directly outside the office of the Leader of the Council, on Monday, 20th May 2024. The Mayor also permitted Councillor Shah and Councillor Quigg to address Council on the same matter.

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

Councillor Shuttleworth and Councillor Murphy paid tribute to the work of Councillor Steven Bashforth during his time served on the Council.

Councillor Shah, Councillor Williamson and Councillor Byrne paid tribute to the work of Councillor Salamat during his time served on the Council.

Councillor Dean, Councillor Marland and Councillor Byrne paid tribute to the work of Councillor Birch during her time served on the Council.

Councillor Jabbar, Councillor Hamblett and Councillor Byrne paid tribute to the work of Councillor Surjan during her time served on the Council.

Councillor Bishop, Councillor Jabbar, Councillor Murphy and Councillor Hobin paid tribute to the work of Councillor Gloster during her time served on the Council.

Councillor Davis, Councillor Hobin and Councillor Bishop paid tribute to the work of Councillor Rea during her time served on the Council.

Councillor Ghafoor, Councillor Kenyon and Councillor Jabbar paid tribute to the work of Councillor Irfan during his time served on the Council.

The Mayor referred to the recent deaths of former Councillors Jackie Stanton and Warren Bates and also the passing of former Councillor and former Mayor, Olwen Chadderton.

Councillor Dean, Councillor Williamson and Councillor Sykes addressed Council paying condolences and their tribute to Olwen Chadderton.

Councillor Davis, Councillor Ball, Councillor Hobin, Councillor Quigg, Councillor Williamson and Councillor Sykes addressed Council paying condolences and their tribute to Warren Bates.

Councillor Sharp, Councillor Woodvine, Councillor Charters and Councillor Sykes addressed Council paying condolences and their tribute to Jackie Stanton.

The Mayor asked Council to note that the date of this meeting marked the seventh anniversary of the bombing of Manchester Arena. A truly dreadful terrorist atrocity that resulted in the murder of 22 innocent people.

Council held a minute's silence in memory of the victims of the Manchester Arena bombing and the three deceased former Councillors.

8

TO NOTE THE REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER CONTAINING THE RESULTS OF THE LOCAL ELECTIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 2ND MAY 2024

Consideration was given to a report of the Returning Officer which informed members of the results of the Local Election which had taken place on 2nd May 2024.

RESOLVED that the results of the Local Election be noted.

9

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Taylor MOVED and Councillor Jabbar SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services which reminded Members that under the Leader and Cabinet model of governance, Councillor Shah had been elected as Leader of the Council on 24th May 2023 for a period that would end on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement, as a Councillor unless: she resigned from the office; was no longer a Councillor; or she would be removed from office by a resolution of the Council.

AMENDMENT

Councillor Quigg MOVED and Councillor Ghafoor SECONDED the following AMENDMENT.

'That Council note the election of Councillor Arooj Shah as the Leader of the Council from 24th May 2023 and ending on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting of the Leader's normal day of retirement as Councillor as outlined at paragraph 1.2 of the report.

It is noted that the report at item 9 notes the elected Leader of the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council) from the 24th May 2023. However, a Leader of the Council may be removed by a resolution of the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council). This amendment seeks to REMOVE Councillor Arooj Shah as the Leader of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council) and that a new Leader of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council) is elected at the Annual Council meeting of Wednesday 22nd May 2024.



The proposer and seconder of this amendment nominate Councillor Howard Sykes to be the new Council Leader of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council.'

A recorded vote, in line with Council Procedure Rules was then taken on the AMENDMENT as follows:

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Adams Christine	FOR	Hussain Junaid	AGAINST
Akhtar Shoab	ABSTAINED	Hussain Sajed	AGAINST
Al-Hamdani Sam	FOR	Ibrahim Nyla	FOR
Ali Mohon	AGAINST	Iqbal Nadeem	AGAINST
Ali Zaheer	FOR	Islam Mohammed Nazrul	AGAINST
Arnott Dave	FOR	Jabbar Abdul	AGAINST
Aslam Naseem	AGAINST	Kenyon Mark	FOR
Azad Montaz Ali	FOR	Kouser Aisha	FOR
Ball Sandra	FOR	Lancaster Luke	FOR
Bishop Helen	FOR	Malik Abdul	AGAINST
Bashforth Marie	AGAINST	Marland Alicia	FOR
Brownridge Barbara	AGAINST	McLaren Colin	AGAINST
Byrne Pam	FOR	Moore's Eddie (Deputy Mayor)	AGAINST
Charters Josh	AGAINST	Murphy Dave	FOR
Cosgrove Angela	AGAINST	Mushtaq Shaid	AGAINST
Chowhan Naveed	FOR	Nasheen Umar	AGAINST
Davis Peter	AGAINST	Navesey Lisa	AGAINST
Dean Peter	AGAINST	Quigg Lewis	FOR
Ghafoor Kamran	FOR	Rustidge Ken	AGAINST
Goodwin Chris	AGAINST	Shah Arooj	AGAINST
Hamblett Louie	FOR	Sharp Beth	FOR
Harkness Garth	FOR	Sheldon Graham	FOR
Harrison Holly	AGAINST	Shuttleworth Graham	AGAINST
Hince Marc	AGAINST	Sykes Howard	FOR

Hindle Neil	ABSTAINED	Taylor Elaine	AGAINST
Hobin Brian	ABSTAINED	Wahid Abdul	FOR
Hughes Jade	FOR	Wilkinson Mark	FOR
Hurley Maggie	FOR	Williamson Diane	FOR
Hussain Aftab	AGAINST	Woodvine Max	FOR
Hussain Fida	AGAINST	Chauhan Zahid (MAYOR)	AGAINST

On a recorded VOTE being taken 28 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 29 VOTES cast AGAINST and there were 3 ABSTENTIONS. The AMENDMENT was therefore LOST.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

10

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER, CABINET MEMBERS AND DEPUTY CABINET MEMBERS AND ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIOS AND DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Leader of the Council which detailed the Cabinet portfolios and the appointments to the Cabinet for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED that the appointment of the Deputy Leaders, Cabinet Members, Deputy Cabinet Members, the allocation of portfolios to Cabinet Members and the determination of delegations to executive functions for 2024/2025 be noted as outlined below:

Councillor Arooj Shah	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Building a Better Oldham
Councillor Elaine Taylor	Statutory Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Decent Homes
Councillor Abdul Jabbar	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Value for Money and Sustainability
Councillor Shaid Mushtaq	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Councillor Mohon Ali	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
Councillor Barbara Brownridge	Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Peter Dean	Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities and Culture
Councillor Fida Hussain	Cabinet Member for Enterprise
Councillor Chris Goodwin	Cabinet Member for Don't Trash Oldham
Councillor Josh Charters	Deputy Cabinet Member for Bee Network Delivery
Councillor Holly Harrison	Deputy Cabinet Member for Children's Services Improvement
Councillor Lisa Navesey	Deputy Cabinet Member for

Councillor Umar Nasheen	Children's Safeguarding Deputy Cabinet Member for Education
Councillor Nazrul Islam	Deputy Cabinet Member for Get Oldham Working
Councillor Marie Bashforth Councillor Aftab Hussain	Deputy Cabinet Member for Public Health Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities

Note - the executive functions are those as described in Part 3 of the constitution as amended by item 15.

11

MAIN OPPOSITION NOMINATIONS TO THE SHADOW CABINET 2024/25

RESOLVED that the appointment of the main Opposition Leader and the Shadow Cabinet, as set out below, be noted:

Liberal Democrat Group Leader – Councillor Howard Sykes
Deputy Group Leader – Councillor Sam Al-Hamdani

Liberal Democrat Group Shadow Cabinet:

Councillor Howard Sykes	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Building a Better Oldham
Councillor Gath Harkness	Statutory Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Decent Homes
Councillor Sam Al-Hamdani	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Value for Money and Sustainability
Councillor Diane Williamson	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Councillor Helen Bishop	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
Councillor Louie Hamblett	Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Alicia Marland	Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities and Culture
Councillor Howard Sykes	Cabinet Member for Enterprise
Councillor Dave Murphy	Cabinet Member for Don't Trash Oldham

12

APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND COMPOSITIONS OF POLITICAL GROUPS

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal which sought a review of the political composition of committees and the composition of political groups as previously notified under Regulation 8(1) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and under Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government Housing Act 1989.

RESOLVED:

1. The composition of the political groups as shown in paragraph 1.1, of the report, be noted.

2. The several Committees detailed at paragraph 1.2 and 1.5 be constituted with the Terms of Reference and delegated powers as detailed in the Constitution as amended (minute 15, below, refers).
3. The number of seats on the various Committees for the 2024/25 Municipal Year be as detailed in paragraph 1.5, of the report.
4. Council confirms unanimously the allocation of seats to the political groups and makes appointments to fill the seats in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, as far as is practicable.
5. Council appoints a Chair and Vice-Chair of each of the various Committees for the 2024/25 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 1, except for the Appointments and Appeals Committees.
6. The Council appoints District Lead and Deputy Lead Members as follows:
 - i. Central District Lead – Councillor Malik (no Deputy Lead Member required)
 - ii. North District Lead – Councillor Hince and Deputy Lead – Councillor Adams
 - iii. East District Lead – Councillor Cosgrove and Deputy Lead – Councillor Bishop
 - iv. South District Lead – Councillor Hindle (no Deputy Lead Member required)
 - v. West District Lead – Councillor Shuttleworth (no Deputy Lead Member required)
7. The Co-opted Members detailed at paragraph 1.9 of the report be appointed to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board and the Co-optees be given full voting rights in respect of education matters only.
8. Any outstanding appointments to be delegated to the Chief Executive in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group.

13

APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2024/25

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services which detailed the appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2024/2025.

RESOLVED that:

1. That appointments to the Outside Bodies, listed in the Appendices, circulated at the meeting, for the 2024/25 Municipal Year, be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the main opposition Group.
2. That Council notes the establishment of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Northern Care Alliance, detailed at Appendix 3.

14

COUNCIL MEETINGS AND MUNICIPAL CALENDAR 2024/25

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services which set out the Calendar of Meetings for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.



RESOLVED that:

1. The meetings of Full Council be held on the undermentioned dates during the 2024/2025 Municipal Year, commencing at 6.00pm unless otherwise shown:

10th July 2024
11th September 2024
6th November 2024
18th December 2024
6th March 2025
19th March 2025

2. The Council's calendar of meetings for 2024/2025 be approved.
3. Approval of any outstanding dates or changes to dates to be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Group Leaders.

15

COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal which requested that Council consider amendments to the constitution and to re-affirm the Council Constitution as a matter of good governance. The report reviewed the terms of reference for committees; the scheme of delegation to officers; reports to decision makers; executive decisions; the Council's policy framework; and Council Procedure Rules.

RESOLVED

That the Council re-affirms the Council Constitution, subject to the inclusion of revisions as identified in the Director of Legal's report.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

There were no items of Administration Business to consider.

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NOTICE OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS

There were no items of Opposition Business to consider.

The meeting started at 12.00pm and ended at 2.48pm



Oldham
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Report to COUNCIL – 10 July 2024

Portfolio Report

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Arooj Shah, Leader of Oldham Council
Cabinet Member for Building a Better Oldham

This report provides an update on the main activity since the last Council meeting relating to portfolio responsibilities.

Economic Growth and Regeneration:

The Creating a Better Place programme continues to be on track to deliver significant transformational projects across the borough, to build much needed new homes, to create jobs and support businesses to grow. As recommended by Scrutiny Committee, a report is due to be considered by Cabinet next week to review the performance of this programme in terms of the construction works, but also the additional opportunities these projects have created for residents and local businesses through the associated social value this important programme has created. The report will also consider the substantial amount of external funding that has been secured to invest in the borough to accelerate delivery of various projects across the districts.

I'm delighted to see that a public consultation exercise is at last underway on various town centre projects – town centre park, St Mary's bypass, proposals for the new Eton/STAR Academy School and the new homes through the town centre living partnership with MUSE. Linked to this, many people will have noticed the Snipe Pub demolition works are also well underway now, with the replacement community garden due to be completed later this year.

Oldham Coliseum:

Cabinet will formally consider the final proposals for the theatre in Oldham Town Centre following extensive engagement with many residents across Oldham and with many local community and performance groups, including Save Oldham Coliseum Theatre Group and the Oldham Coliseum Board.

Transport and the Bee Network:

Many people will be able to see the new yellow buses around the borough following the launch of the Bee Network here in Oldham, and the new bus station facilities in the Town Centre.

Finally, I am pleased to confirm that Oldham Council has been shortlisted for a Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) award for our School Streets pilots at St Annes in Royton and at Buckstones Primary school in Shaw. The project has been shortlisted in the 'Safety and Wellbeing' category and is very much testament to the partnership working with the schools, parents, students and local residents working towards getting the pilots live. The results will be announced shortly.

Communications

Communications and Marketing work has secured wide awareness, reach and positive response for events including the Women's Tour of Britain, and Festival Oldham. Our commitment to giving people great experiences and attracting people to our borough to spend money and support local businesses was borne out by findings of visitor surveys at the event. These also highlighted that of people attending who live in the Borough, 93.5% stated the events made them feel 'proud of Oldham'.

Recent months have included two 'pre-election periods' which restrict public bodies' communications activity. Nonetheless, activity includes the delivery and planning of work as above, plus various other activities.

Key campaigns

Key campaigns contributing to our priority areas such as Creating a Better Oldham, and giving young children and people the best start in life included targeted marketing activity to raise awareness and generate interest and uptake in Fostering, and joining the Council as a social worker.

Oldham continued to celebrate our 175 Anniversary as a borough, with birthday messages from prominent local figures, a fantastic new exhibition at Gallery Oldham, and more, generating wide reach and positive feedback.

Important work to benefit our residents' health included public health awareness and uptake campaigns such as MMR uptake and measles awareness, activities for parents/carers and young children hosted at Family Hubs, and the 'Oldham on the Move' theme - promoting active travel for environment and health benefits.

Work has also begun on public consultation on our exciting plans to build 2,000 new Town Centre homes in partnership with world-leading developer Muse, and further Town Centre transformation to improve connectivity and access to the Town Centre for local people, and more green spaces.

Alongside all this work, further projects and short campaigns have included:

- Elections awareness short campaign including awareness raising of voting processes and Voter ID
- Love your local market campaign involving market traders
- Reducing fly tipping campaign
- We have launched a new 'What's On Oldham' website

Recommendations: Council is requested to note the report.



Present: Councillor Shah (in the Chair)
Councillors Ali, Brownridge, Dean, Goodwin, F Hussain, Jabbar,
Mushtaq and Taylor

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

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 for this meeting of the Cabinet to consider.

5 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 12th February 2024, be approved as a correct record.

6 **PROPOSAL FOR USE OF ADDITIONAL SMOKEFREE GENERATION FUNDING**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Public Health which sought approval for the use of additional funding, that was provided through a new Section 31 grant, which would be ringfenced for local authority-led stop smoking services and support, under proposed smokefree generation policy.

Cabinet was informed that as part of their plans to create a smokefree generation the government had invested an additional £70 million per year to support local authority led stop smoking services and support. This would more than double current spending from £68 million per year, to a total of £138 million, and support around 360,000 people to quit smoking. The funding aimed to provide through a new Section 31 grant and would be ringfenced for local authority-led stop smoking services and support.

The additional funding to Oldham for 2024/25, based on a 3-year average smoking prevalence of 14.96% (an estimated 26,982 smokers), will be £321,524 per year for up to 5 years covering financial periods 2024/25 to 2028/29. This was in addition to the Council's current spend of £339,500 per year for specialist community stop smoking support (as part of the integrated Health Improvement and Weight Management Service).

The council commissions ABL Health Ltd to deliver its stop smoking service in Oldham as part of the integrated Health Improvement and Weight Management Service (Your Health

Oldham). The Stop Smoking Service provides specialist stop smoking support for people who live in Oldham (or are registered with an Oldham GP) and offered evidence-based interventions, including behavioural support and access to pharmacotherapy to support quit attempts. The additional funding from the government is an excellent opportunity to enhance the offer of the current smoking cessation service and to further reach out to the local at-risk and priority groups in Oldham and support more people to quit, thus reduce smoking prevalence.

Options/Alternatives considered:

Option 1: Use additional funding to bolster the current stop smoking offer with special focus on priority groups provided by ABL Health in Oldham. This was the preferred option. This option would ensure that there is added capacity to a service which is currently already delivering services in the borough and exceeding targets and would support the local authority to move towards our local targets for reducing smoking prevalence.

Option 2: Use additional funding to tender services from another stop smoking provider. It was reported that this option was not recommended as the current provider was delivering the service to a good standard and meeting performance indicators.

Option 3: Do not accept additional government funding to Oldham. Following this option posed a huge reputational risk if the council choose not to accept the additional funding and use it to tackle the borough's smoking prevalence and inequalities associated with it. It would impede Oldham in achieving our commitments to reduce smoking as this is one of the key priorities of Oldham's Health and Wellbeing Strategy and it is our ambition to work towards a smoke-free Oldham.

Resolved:

1. Cabinet approves the use of the allocated additional funding to supplement ABL Health Ltd (Your Health Oldham), who deliver our current stop smoking service (as part of the Health Improvement Service), to bolster the current stop smoking offer, with special focus on priority groups, thereby ensuring that there is added capacity to a service which is currently delivering stop smoking support in the borough and will increase the provision available to improve the number of people stopping smoking and, thus, reduce the smoking prevalence and the impact of tobacco related harm.
2. Cabinet notes that the proposals will support the local authority to move towards our local targets for reducing smoking prevalence. Specifically, to target certain priority groups which may have entrenched smokers that are most at risk of tobacco-related harm.
3. Cabinet notes that the recommendation will also ensure that there is sufficient capacity to support Oldham Tobacco Alliance to deliver its ambitions and will ensure there is a coproduced engagement and communications

strategy that is resident focused and relevant for the borough.



7

OLDHAM COMMUNITY LEISURE (OCL) - UTILITY BENCHMARKING

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Public Health which advised that Oldham Council and Oldham Community Leisure Limited (OCL) were party to a Leisure Management Contract in respect of leisure facilities in Oldham, which had commenced on 28th March 2013 for an initial term that expired on 31st March 2023 (Contract), which was subsequently extended for a further five years.

Cabinet was informed that increasing utility costs for Leisure Centres had and will likely continue to have an impact on the ability of OCL to be financially viable. Under clause 20 of the Contract, it states that the utility benchmarking exercises shall be carried out in accordance with Schedule 18 (Utilities Benchmarking). Utilities Benchmarking can be carried out where there are extraordinary fluctuations in the utility market. OCL had therefore served notice on the Council invoking the Utility benchmarking clause in the Contract (the details of which were included in the confidential report at agenda item 16).

The Contract with OCL provided that, if, at any time prior to the next Cost Benchmarking Date (each second anniversary following the 28th March 2013 commencement date), either party believed that extraordinary fluctuations in the utility market had resulted in the requirement for a Cost Benchmarking Procedure, that party must issue a notice in writing to that effect to the other party. Both parties must meet (but with no obligation to act) within ten (10) Business Days of the date of the notice to discuss the extraordinary utility market fluctuations and the possibility of agreeing a Cost Benchmarking Procedure.

Options/alternatives considered:

Options and alternatives are to be considered at item 16 of the agenda.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at item 16 of the agenda before making a decision thereon.

8

APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE PARKING CONTRACT WITH NSL

The Cabinet considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) which informed Members that the Council was working with a parking consultant to review the Parking Enforcement Contract with NSL to ensure that the authority was getting value for money and carrying out all the services within current legislation. The review by industry experts would allow the Council to benefit from good industry practices and maximise the services provided to Oldham residents. To deliver these benefits additional time was needed to ensure all aspects of the service were to be reviewed. An extension to the existing

Parking Enforcement Contract with NSL was therefore required to deliver the review and then, depending on the outcome, the retender of the external contract, depending on the outcome of the review.

The Cabinet were advised that the current Parking Enforcement Contract with NSL was due to expire in June 2024. To ensure that the Council continued to receive value for money it was therefore considered prudent to conduct a service review to explore whether it would be appropriate to bring the service in-house or if the Council should continue with an external contractor. To do this, the existing Parking Enforcement Contract with NSL needed to be extended to allow the council to work with industry experts (Parking Matters) and review the current service provision and potentially to support the writing of a tender for future parking services in Oldham.

Options/alternatives considered:

Options and alternatives are to be considered at item 17 of the agenda.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at item 17 of the agenda before making a decision thereon.

9

GALLERY OLDHAM - PRIORITY MAINTENANCE WORK

The Cabinet received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that provided information about the priority maintenance work required for the Gallery Oldham. Cabinet was requested to accept a funding offer from Museum Estates and Development Fund (MEND), as detailed at the confidential report, at agenda item 18 of this meeting. The Cabinet was also requested to note the scale of investment required to the Gallery Oldham and to approve the appropriate budgets that were required to proceed with the identified priority maintenance work.

The Cabinet was informed that significant funding would be required to address the priority maintenance work in respect of the Gallery Oldham over the a four year period: 2023 – 2027. The essential work had been identified through a detailed Asset Management Condition Survey report, that had been completed in April 2023. The report forecasted the various priority maintenance works over the four year period.

Cabinet was further informed that the Council had received confirmation of a successful bid for MEND funding that was ringfenced for limited aspects of the identified priority maintenance work.

Options/alternatives considered:

Options and alternatives are to be considered at item 18 of the agenda.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at item 18 of the agenda before making a decision thereon.

10

OLDHAM GREEN NEW DEAL DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP - GRANT ACCEPTANCE



The Cabinet received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that sought acceptance of £8.7m grant funding for implementation of the Oldham Low Carbon Heat Network, as part of the Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership programme.

Cabinet was reminded that in March 2020, the Council had formally adopted the Oldham Green New Deal Strategy (OGNDS), Oldham's climate change mitigation strategy which had a specific focus on securing the co-benefits of investment in low carbon infrastructure, in particular jobs and training opportunities for Oldham residents in the growing Green Technology and Services (GTS) sector.

The OGNDS set two challenging carbon neutrality targets – for Council Buildings and Street Lighting (by 2025) and for Oldham Borough (by 2030). These targets were set within the context of the 2038 carbon neutrality target for Greater Manchester City Region that was set out in the Greater Manchester 5-year Environment Plan.

The OGNDS sets out the approach for achieving the 2030 borough-wide carbon neutrality target, as follows:

- a. Leading a strategic partnership of major energy users across all sectors in Oldham to achieve carbon neutrality within the partnership and demonstrate community leadership.
- b. Developing a Local Energy Market to incentivise renewable energy development in the borough and cut energy bills for local residents and businesses.
- c. Investing in, and supporting the development and roll-out of, large-scale low carbon anchor energy infrastructure such as low carbon heat networks.
- d. Supporting the development of the GTS sector across the borough and support and incentivise the wider business community to de-carbonise.
- e. Maximising the local benefits from Greater Manchester and national level schemes which aid de-carbonisation, including in the areas of Air Quality, Transport, Waste and other key priority sectors, securing inward investment for 'clean growth' from public and private sectors.

The Cabinet was advised that on 30th November 2023, Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) had been notified that the consortium application had not been successful in securing Innovate UK funding. However, GMCA was notified that a direct award would instead be made from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) for up to £7m instead of the £5.5m applied to Innovate UK for, via a new programme called

the Local Net Zero Accelerator programme, for implementation of the GMCA/Oldham/Manchester three-tier delivery model demonstrator originally submitted to Innovate UK, with a condition that GMCA also include additional work.



Oldham's part of the project, to implement an Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership, remained part of the programme and so the Council expected to receive up to £1.5m from this fund via GMCA. However, GMCA must first submit a Business Case to the Greater South-East Net Zero Hub who are the administrator for the DESNZ funding in order to receive the grant. The grant funded period ends on 31st March 2026. The Council was expected to sign a grant agreement with the GM Combined Authority for disbursement of the DESNZ grant. This report is therefore requesting delegated authority to accept this grant once it has been confirmed by GMCA – this delegated authority will enable the Council to mobilise quickly once the grant is confirmed to meet the delivery timescale ending March 2026.

The Council had been successful in securing £1m of revenue funding and £7.7m of capital funding from the Green Heat Network Fund, from its application for grant funding to support delivery of the Oldham Low Carbon Heat Network. The £1m of revenue funding was to cover the cost of taking the heat network scheme from RIBA Stage 2 to RIBA Stage 3 design ("Commercialisation") and also the drilling of test boreholes for the mine-water heating resource at the Rhodes Bank site.

Options/Alternatives considered:

Option 1: Do not accept the grant funding. Under this option, the Council would not proceed with implementation of an Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership and would not progress further the Oldham Low Carbon Heat Network.

Option 2: to accept the grant funding. Under this option, the Council would proceed with implementation of an Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership including the delivery of the Oldham Low Carbon Heat Network.

Preferred Option: Option 2: To accept the grant funding. Under this option, the Council would proceed with implementation of an Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership including the delivery of the Oldham Low Carbon Heat Network.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet:

1. Authorises the acceptance of £8.7m grant funding (£1m revenue and £7.7m capital) from the UK government Green Heat Network Fund, for implementation of the Oldham Low Carbon Heat Network.
2. Authorises that delegated authority to accept up to £1.5m grant funding, from the DESNZ Local Net Zero Accelerator programme via GMCA (subject to Business Case being agreed between GMCA and DESNZ), be granted to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet

Member for Finance and Corporate Resources, and Directors of Finance, Legal Services and Economy.

3. Authorises that delegated authority to appoint consultants and contractors for the grant funded works and services, be granted to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Resources, and Directors of Finance, Legal Services and Economy
4. Authorises that delegated authority be granted to the Director of Legal Services, or his nominated representative, to sign and/or affix the Common Seal of the Council to all contractual documentation and associated or ancillary documentation referred to above and/or required to give effect to the authorisations, delegations and recommendations in this report.

11

AWARDING OF ENFORCEMENT AGENT SERVICES CONTRACT

The Cabinet received a report of the Director of Finance that sought approval to award and enter into contracts for Enforcement Services for the collection of unpaid council tax, business rates, sundry debts and commercial rent arrears from 1st April 2024 with three highest ranking bidders, as a result of the further competition process undertaken.

The Director informed members that the Council currently operated a mixed provision of council employed 'in house' enforcement agents (EAs) and external enforcement agents for the collection of unpaid council tax and business rates debts.

The existing contract had been awarded in October 2019, following an OJEU compliant procurement route, in accordance with Oldham Council's Contract Procedure Rules and EU regulations utilising the Rotherham Framework (OJEU notice ref 2016/5 -202-365931). Two providers, Marston Holdings Ltd and Rundle and Co were appointed for a 12-month fixed term contract until 30th September 2020.

Due to the moratorium on debt collection activities during 2020 and 2021, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, approval was subsequently given to extend this contract until 31st March 2024.

Options/alternatives considered:

Options and alternatives are to be considered at item 14 of the agenda.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at item 14 of the agenda before making a decision thereon.

12

INSURANCE TENDER PROCESS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT REPORT

The Cabinet received a report of the Director of Finance which advised Members that the Council and its current insurers had

been subject to a long-term agreement in respect of property, terrorism, motor, fine art, and other ancillary policies which had commenced in April 2019 for a period of 5 years. Liability insurance was subject to a separate insurance agreement which was due to conclude in 2026.

The Director of Finance's report sought delegated authority to finalise the property insurance tender for the Council and for the award of the insurance contracts that were due to commence on 1st April 2024.

Options/alternatives considered:

Options and alternatives are to be considered at item 15 of the agenda.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at item 15 of the agenda before making a decision thereon.

13 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:

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

14 **AWARDING OF ENFORCEMENT AGENT SERVICES CONTRACT**

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 11: Awarding of Enforcement Agent Services Contract.

Resolved:

That Cabinet agrees to award the contract for Enforcement Services to the three highest ranking bidders following an evaluation and moderation exercise, as detailed in the submitted report.

15 **INSURANCE TENDER PROCESS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT REPORT**

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 12: Insurance Tender Process and Award of Contract.

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet approves the tender award of contracts to the most advantageous tenderer based on the tender criteria.
2. That Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Resources, to award the contracts following the tender, subject to compliance with the Contract Procedure Rules.



3. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Legal Services, or his appointed nominee, to carry out all legal formalities.

16

OLDHAM COMMUNITY LEISURE (OCL) - UTILITY BENCHMARKING

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 7: Oldham Community Leisure (OCL) – Utility Benchmarking.

Resolved:

1. That the Cabinet accept the requirement for Utility Benchmarking, under the terms of the contract and work with OCL to ensure they are able to afford the utility bills and continue to provide an extensive leisure offer.
2. As is estimated that costs under the contract will increase as a result of the benchmarking exercise and an estimated budget of £0.830m would be needed to support with the utility cost for 2023/24, the Cabinet agrees to make the payment, that is payable under the terms of the contract in line with the cost figure (estimated to be £0.830m in 2023/24).

17

APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE PARKING CONTRACT WITH NSL

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 8: Approval to extend the Parking Contract with NSL.

Resolved:

That Cabinet approves the extension to the Parking Enforcement Contract with NSL for a period of 12 months to allow the service review to ensure the council improve the parking service in future for Oldham Residents.

18

GALLERY OLDHAM - PRIORITY MAINTENANCE WORK

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 9: Gallery Oldham – priority Maintenance Work.

Resolved:

That Cabinet accepts the MEND funding and approve the budget to progress the required works in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, which will assist to maintain and facilitate improved functional use of the Gallery Oldham whilst mitigating relevant operational, health and safety risks in addition to reducing future energy consumption through introducing greener technologies for replacement plant and equipment.

The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 6.20pm

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CABINET

18/03/2024 at 6.00 pm



Present: Councillor Shah (in the Chair)
Councillors Ali, Brownridge, Dean, Goodwin, Jabbar and Mushtaq.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor F. Hussain and Councillor Taylor.

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 for this meeting of the Cabinet to consider.

5 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet, held on 26th February 2024, be approved as a correct record.

6 **PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTION 75 GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Associate Director of Strategy, Planning and Development (NHS Greater Manchester), which informed Members that there was a need to ensure that business related to the Section 75 Agreement held between Oldham Council and NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board moves into Oldham's Integrated Care Partnership Committee (formerly named Oldham Integrated Care Partnership Locality Board), with the aim of providing robust stewardship of the pooled / aligned health budget, whilst linking this work to wider health and care partnership conversations.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet approves the proposed changes to the governance arrangements for the Section 75 and the Terms of Reference for Oldham Integrated Care Partnership Committee, as outlined in the report.

7 **REVENUE MONITOR AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2023/24**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Finance which provided Members with an update on the Council's 2023/24 forecast revenue budget position (outlined at Annex 1 of the report) and the financial position of the capital programme, as at 31st December 2023 (Quarter 3 – 2023/24), together with the revised capital programme 2023/24 to

2027/28, as outlined in section two of the report (outlined at Annex 2 of the report).

The forecast outturn position for 2023/24 was a projected adverse variance of £16.642m after allowing for approved and pending transfers to and from reserves. There were significant variances contained within the projected net overspend within three areas forecasting pressures:

- a. Children's Services is forecasting a pressure of £14.240m.
- b. Place and Economic Growth is forecasting a pressure of £5.442m.
- c. Community Health and Adult Social Care is forecasting a pressure of £0.864m.

These will continue to be closely monitored for the remainder of the ensuing financial year with action taken to address variances and take mitigating action as detailed in the report. Favourable variances across the remaining portfolios totalling £3.903m are offsetting these pressures in these three areas.

An update on the major issues driving the projections is detailed within Annex 1, of the report.

The forecast pressure of £16.642m, at Quarter 3, was an increase of £0.449m on the adverse position of £16.194m reported at Month 8. Management actions that have been approved to review and challenge planned expenditure, control recruitment and to maximise income would hopefully have an impact on the anticipated the outturn deficit position.

Information on the Quarter 3 position of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Collection Fund was also outlined in the report. As reported previously, the position on the DSG continues to improve and as at month 9 it was forecasting an in-year surplus of £2.117m, with an estimate that the year-end position will be a surplus of £3.561m.

Action would continue to be taken with the aim of mitigating cost pressures and delivering and maintaining a surplus position. To assist, Oldham was taking part in the Department for Education sponsored Delivering Better Value in SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) which will provide dedicated support for the SEND Review reforms to 55 Local Authorities with historical DSG deficit issues with the aim of putting the DSG of participating Authorities on a more financially sustainable footing.

There were currently no significant issues of concern in relation to the HRA. The Collection Fund was forecasting an in-year surplus of £0.707m. The Collection Fund is particularly volatile, whilst currently in surplus the position will continue to be closely monitored throughout the year as any surplus or deficit at the end of the financial year will have a direct budgetary impact in 2024/25.

The report also outlined the most up to date capital spending position for 2023/24 to 2028/29 for approved schemes. The revised capital programme budget for 2023/24 was £79.466m, at the close of month 9 (2023/24), a net decrease of £30.839m from the original budget of £110.305m. Actual expenditure to 31st December 2023 was £52.765m (66.40% of the forecast outturn). It was thought likely that the forecast position would continue to change as the year drew to a close, with additional re-profiling into future years.

Options/alternatives considered:

- a. To consider the forecast revenue and capital positions presented in the report including proposed changes (preferred option).
- b. To propose alternative forecasts.

Resolved:

1. That the Cabinet endorses the forecast revenue outturn for 2023/24, at Quarter 3 (2023/24) being a £16.642m adverse variance.
2. That the Cabinet endorses the forecast positions for the Dedicated Schools Grant, Housing Revenue Account and Collection Fund.
3. That the Cabinet endorses the revised capital programme for 2023/24 and the forecast for the financial years to 2027/28 as at Quarter 3 (2023/24).

8

SYNERGY EDUCATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - SYNERGY CONTRACT RENEWAL

The Cabinet considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive that sought authority to enter into a call-off contract under a procurement compliant framework agreement in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules to support the ongoing use of Synergy Education Management System for three years with the option to extend by a further one year.

The submitted report sought approval to enter into a call-off contract with Access UK LTD to provide the Education Management System together with any additional modules and services, subject to budget approval.

Options/alternatives considered:

The various options were considered at item 22 on the agenda.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at item 22 of the agenda before making a decision.

9

DON'T TRASH OLDHAM/TRANSFORMATION: YEAR END REVIEW AND NEXT STEPS

The Cabinet considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) and the Director of Environment which noted that clean streets and tackling issues of fly tipping and littering that blight the local communities remain a priority for the Borough of Oldham's residents and for the Council. The second iteration of Don't Trash Oldham (DTO) campaign had commenced in

October 2022, and in addition to community engagement, it also focused on betterment/transforming communities by working with ward members and this was supported by a limited budget for each area, which could be used to realise the requests of Councillors.

Therefore, the submitted report detailed the outcomes and achievements of the Transformation campaign, examined the lessons learned (what has worked and what could be improved) and proposed some new measures/targeted interventions for the future, which strike a balance between new ways of working and addressing the ongoing environmental challenges faced by the residents of Oldham and the Councils approach in addressing such challenges.

The DTO campaign had commenced in September 2021, with the aim of cleaning all council owned alleys and road infrastructure of fly tipped/dumped waste and litter across the borough, on a ward-by-ward basis, spanning a full calendar year. The first year of the campaign concluded on 30th October 2022 with the end of year findings reported at that time.

From October 2022 to October 2023, the DTO campaign morphed into a Betterment phase to transform neighbourhoods and build on the legacy work from year one. This was backed up by intensive enforcement and clean up activity in highlighted 'hotspot' neighbourhoods. The accepted aim of this programme was to 'make a difference'. This included visibly improving areas, ensuring detailed attention and physical improvements that were not always deliverable as part of routine work.

For the transforming neighbourhoods' elements of programme to work effectively, a material budget of £3,000 per ward was allocated. To understand the local area and ward member priorities for the focus of the work, meetings were held between the Communities Team, ward members and officers from the Environmental Services to understand the requests and agree what was deliverable within the timescale and budget. Meetings typically took place a month before the teams were due to visit the locality and work in each area typically lasted four weeks.

The submitted report provided a summary of the work completed boroughwide – this includes details of engagement with members, the work completed, waste removed from wards, a summary of the enforcement action undertaken, and the wider improvement(s) achieved because of the additional funding. Finally, the report also outlined proposals on how the legacy of DTO/Betterment campaign will be embedded and what this will look like moving forward. There is a recognition that given the work completed over the last two iterations of DTO/Betterment, a sustainable approach is needed to ensure previous gains are not lost and a more durable model is adopted moving forward,

which meets the needs of the borough, the residents and ensures a clean environment for all.



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Options/alternatives considered:

The submitted report dealt with a number of different options:

- a. Option 1 - No further financial resource required, this option can be funded from existing budget resource.
- b. Option 2 - No further financial resource required, this option can be funded from existing budget resource.
- c. Option 3 - No further financial resource required, this option can be funded from existing budget resource.
- d. Option 4 – This option is being dealt with by a separate Delegated Officer Report named “Gulley Cleaning Review and Restructure”. The additional financial resource required for this option has been calculated at £43,060.
- e. Option 5 – No further financial resource required, this option can be funded from existing budget resource.
- f. Option 6 – It is noted that Option 6 will require a significant financial resource due to the number of unadopted alleys boroughwide. Therefore, if a decision is taken to approve this option, this will form part of a separate report to fully identify the financial resource required.

Resolved:

1. that the Cabinet notes the achievements of the Don't Trash Oldham/Transformation Campaign across the borough between 2022 and 2023.
2. That the Cabinet approves the priorities listed in Section 4 of the report, which aim to provide a sustainable and deliverable legacy for the DTO/Transformation campaigns and outline key areas of focus moving forward.
3. That the Cabinet agrees to delegate to Director of Environment and the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the prioritisation of funding for the delivery of priorities.

10

LIGHT DUTY VEHICLE CROSSINGS POLICY

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Environment that sought approval for a new Light Duty Vehicle Crossings Policy.

The purpose of this policy was to replace the existing policy and procedures for the assessing of Light Duty Vehicle Crossing (dropped kerb) applications and to ensure that they are assessed in a consistent and fair manner.

Options/alternatives considered:

Option 1 was to approve the new Light Duty Vehicle Crossings Policy. The proposed reduction in the requirement for a minimum driveway length to 4.7m would result in more properties qualifying for an Light Duty Vehicle Crossing. This should enable more properties to have access to off-street

parking, thus, reducing congestion on the highway, and, where appropriate, support electric vehicle charging.
Option 2 was to retain the existing Light Duty Vehicle Crossings Policy, which had been introduced in 2018.

Cabinet was informed that the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Body had permitted this item to be considered at this meeting of the Cabinet, without prior notification on the Authority's forward plan of Key Decisions in accordance with Rules 13 and 14 of the Constitution

Resolved:

That the Cabinet approves the establishment of a new Light Duty Vehicle Crossings Policy, to come into effect from 1st April 2024.

11

A LOCAL RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL HOUSING CRISIS

The Cabinet considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) which informed members that in tackling the current housing crisis and unprecedented demand for housing services, the report highlighted a number of key immediate resource, asked to support a local response in Oldham to improve access to housing support for our residents, to accelerate house building so Oldham's residents have access to more social homes, and to bring online more temporary homes which are much needed for residents in emergency accommodation situations as a result of the cost of living crisis, domestic abuse, or a change to family circumstances.

Over 7,000 people were currently waiting for a social home in Oldham on the housing register, with thousands more currently applying to get on the register; while 500 households were living in temporary accommodation as there simply was not enough truly affordable properties, of the right size in the borough to move people out of their temporary lodgings. Importantly, this included 500 children in these temporary living arrangements.

Families and households across Oldham were facing many challenges as a result of the cost of living crisis - housing being a massive factor in this due to increased rents and mortgages following a decade of high inflation and interest rates. Oldham didn't have the enough housing to meet the changing needs of peoples circumstances; namely enough truly affordable homes. This acute shortage of housing, particularly social and genuinely affordable housing, had led to spiralling rents and house prices. Many young people and families on low to middle incomes struggled to afford to rent or to buy a decent home and therefore overcrowding, evictions, rent arrears and homelessness are all on the rise.

The Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Licensing had held a 'round-table' discussion with housing associations, private landlords, housing developers, lettings agents and other industry experts, where they also explored the lived experiences of Oldham's residents

with the Poverty Truth Commission. This insight was added to the concerns and complaints from direct residential feedback, and it was clear that there was a need for local action, partnership and collaboration to provide a local solution to these housing challenges in Oldham. These challenges were part of a national housing crisis; however, Government policy changes and funding programmes were not mobilising quickly enough to support communities and residents who deserve better access to housing support.

This report was seeking approval to provide investment for the local response to the national housing crisis and included proposals for: redeployed staffing resources; options for improving service delivery models; and new programmes of activity for refurbishing, leasing, purchasing, and/or building new homes for the purposes of both temporary accommodation and to ensure Oldham residents have more access to truly affordable social housing.

Options/alternatives considered:

Options and alternatives were to be considered at item 23 of the agenda.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at item 23 of the agenda before making a decision thereon.

12

ACCEPTANCE OF BROWNFIELD INFRASTRUCTURE AND LAND FUNDING GRANT FOR OLDHAM MUMPS, PRINCES GATE

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of economy which advised members that the Council had secured capital funding, by way of a grant from Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), to help support the development of new homes at Princes Gate, Oldham Mumps.

The recommendations in the report were presented to confirm the value of the grant available to Oldham Council and to notify Cabinet of the intention to accelerate the delivery of circa 347 new homes at this location with Council's Private Sector Partner – MUSE.

Options/alternatives considered:

Option 1 – That Oldham Council doesn't accept the offer of grant from the Brownfield Infrastructure and Land Grant Funding and inform GMCA of the decision not to progress with the grant acceptance.

Option 2 – That Oldham Council progress the project proposals and confirm acceptance of the grant. This was the preferred option, as the site was part of the approved project with the Council's appointed Private Sector Partner which was a key component of the Creating a Better Place programme. The funding provided an opportunity to progress to development without a reliance on the Council's Capital Programme.

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet confirms acceptance of the grant from Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)
2. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Economy to agree and enter into grant award letter and other associated agreements with GMCA.
3. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Legal Services, or his appointed nominee, to formalise any necessary legal requirements including signing and/or sealing any documentation required to give effect to the recommendations and/or delegations in the submitted report.
4. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Economy and/or his appointed nominee, to approve the appointment of external legal advisers required to protect the Council's interests and to give effect to the recommendations in the submitted report.

13

UKSPF GRANT ACCEPTANCE - E22 SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Economy, which asked members to approve and accept a £1,462,282 UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) grant allocation following confirmation of an award from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. This was specifically in relation to Supporting Local Business strand - E22: Investing in enterprise infrastructure and employment/innovation site development projects.

The Cabinet was advised that the fund was split into £1m Capital investment for the Managed Workspace programme in the Spindles and £462,282 revenue to deliver business support to create economic growth (new jobs) and new enterprises (sole traders or new companies). The package of support would be a combination of one-to-one enterprise start-ups and business growth advice and guidance, grants and supporting the Social Innovation Hive.

The UKSPF programme had replaced the European Social Investment Funds and was provided by HM Government and had been devolved to Greater Manchester Combined Authority but will conclude operations by March 2025.

Options/alternatives considered:

Option 1 – Do not accept the E22 – SPF Grant. Option appraisal – The grant has been allocated to Oldham by GMCA with the aim to support new businesses to start and existing businesses to grow creating jobs. Each of the ten local (Greater Manchester) authorities have been awarded an allocation. If the decision is to not accept the grant, then the funding would be redistributed across the remaining 9 local authorities. This would disadvantage the local business community.

Option 2 – Retain the capital funding and procure a programme of business support. Option appraisal – The capital funding would be secured and the revenue-based outcomes would be procured/commissioned. This option was examined with the

ambition to secure a trans-organisation/partnership response. However, the soft market testing demonstrated a lack of capacity especially within the very short window for delivery. In addition, there were some concerns relating to subsidy control and the length of time that would take to resolve. As a consequence, this option was discounted (due to time constraints and market capacity).

Option 3 – Deliver the programme as outlined above (and in Appendix 1 to the report). Options appraisal. The grant has been awarded to Oldham Council and will be used to develop the business support element of the Business Growth and Investment team with the intention of seeking to bring in additional investment to the Council, which in turn enables more targeted, local delivery of business support related solutions. The risk is that this programme does not get extended but to achieve budget savings and maintain outcomes then the team will benefit from managing externally funded provision with the aim to proof capability in this arena.

Preferred Option: *Option 3* is the preferred option as it secures the highest level of control to deliver the programme within the limited time frame.

Cabinet was informed that the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Body had permitted this item to be considered at this meeting of the Cabinet, without prior notification on the Authority's forward plan of Key Decisions in accordance with Rules 13 and 14 of the Constitution.

Resolved:

1. That the Cabinet approves the acceptance of the £1.462m UKSPF grant against the two inventions as set out below:
 - a. Capital Grant allocation £1m to support the Managed workspace project in the Spindles and;
 - b. a revenue grant allocation £462,282 to provide business support advice and guidance, alongside supporting the Social Innovation Hive and a series of grants programmes (targeting start-ups and business growth).
2. That Cabinet approves the delivery of:
 - a. 300 enterprises receiving non-financial support.
 - b. 80 jobs created as a result of support.
 - c. 40 new enterprises created as result of support.
 - d. 3201m² of commercial space completed or improved.
3. Cabinet notes that as accountable body for UKSPF, GMCA has issued a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in respect of the grant, along with supporting documentation, which has been reviewed by the Council's legal services.
4. Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) to agree the terms of the MOU issued by GMCA in respect of the grant award in consultation with the Director of Legal Services.
5. Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Economy, or his nominated representative, to agree monitoring and evaluation of defined outputs and

negotiations thereupon as required over the grant delivery period of 2023/24 – 2024/2025.

6. Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Legal Services, or his appointed nominee, to formalise any necessary legal requirements including signing and/or sealing any documentation required to give effect to the recommendations and/or delegations in this report.
7. Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Economy and/or his nominee to approve the appointment of external legal advisers if required to protect the Council's interests and give effect to the recommendations in this report.

14

UNITED UTILITIES GREEN RECOVERY FUND GRANT ACCEPTANCE

The Cabinet received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that asked members to approve the acceptance of the £1,991,000 United Utilities Green Recovery Fund (UUGRF) grant allocation following confirmation of an award from United Utilities Plc in October 2023.

Oldham Council's Highways and Engineering Team had submitted various applications seeking financial support to increase the National Capital Value (NCV) of Oldham. The submissions were based on four emerging projects in Oldham town centre, namely: West Street; Rock Street; Market Street; and Curzon Street. All of these projects were to be delivered by March 2025 and the grant award received from United Utilities was intended to supplement and match funding from the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund that was already secured for these projects.

Options/alternatives considered:

Option 1 was to do nothing. Failure to accept the grant allocation of United Utilities Green Recovery Fund would reflect negatively on the perception of the town and its ambitions. It would also have significant implications for delivery on the overarching project budgets and, therefore, the achievement of regeneration ambitions and objectives in Oldham Town Centre.

Option 2 was to formally accept the United Utilities Green Recovery Fund award allocation for £1.991m and enter the FCA as set out in this report. the preferred Option was therefore Option 4.1 Option 2, as this would help to ensure delivery of the projects in the agreed timescales and budgets and, therefore, achieve the regeneration ambitions and objectives in Oldham Town Centre.

Cabinet was informed that the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Body had permitted this item to be considered at this meeting of the Cabinet, without prior notification on the Authority's forward plan of Key Decisions in accordance with Rules 13 and 14 of the Constitution.

Resolved:

1. Cabinet approved the acceptance of the £1.991m United Utilities Green Recovery Fund grant against the

increased National Capital Value criteria specified by Ofwat in collaboration with United Utilities Plc. The grant, it was noted would be broken down for spend against the following schemes; West Street – an allocation of £441,000 to increase sustainable urban drainage capacity and reduce surface water volume entering the combined sewerage system, and increase amenity space - dwell space, pedestrian/cycle provisions and increase soft landscaping infrastructure; Rock Street – an allocation of £700,000 to increase sustainable urban drainage capacity and reduce surface water volume entering the combined sewerage system, increase amenity space on former brownfield site, improve connectivity for disabled and vulnerable road users i.e. pedestrian/cycle provisions and increase in soft landscaping infrastructure to facilitate a new public amenity space in the form of a park; Market Street – an allocation of £600,000 to increase sustainable urban drainage capacity and significantly reduce surface water volume entering the combined sewerage system, increase amenity space i.e. dwell space, pedestrian/cycle provisions and increase in soft landscaping infrastructure; and Curzon Street – an allocation of £250,000 to increase sustainable urban drainage capacity and significantly reduce surface water volume entering the combined sewerage system, increase amenity space i.e. dwell space, pedestrian/cycle provisions and increase in soft landscaping infrastructure.

2. Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), or her nominated representative, to agree the terms of the Legal Agreement in respect of the grant award in consultation with the Director of Legal Services and approve appointments of professional teams and contract award in respect of the agreed budgets.
3. Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to Director of Legal Services, or his nominated representative, to finalise and enter into the Legal Agreement issued by United Utilities Plc in respect of the grant award subject to the completion of any necessary due diligence on subsidy control compliance and authority to agree and complete any project change requests under the Agreement.
4. Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Economy or their nominated representative to agree monitoring and evaluation of defined outputs and negotiations thereupon as required over the grant delivery period of 2023/2024 – 2024/2025.
5. Cabinet notes that as accountable body for United Utilities Green Recovery Fund, United Utilities Plc, has issued a Legal Agreement in respect of the grant, along with supporting documentation, which is currently under review by the Council's Legal Services Team.
6. Cabinet notes and endorse that the internal governance and administration for the United Utilities Green Recovery Fund grant will be performed via the Creating a Better Place Programme Board (CAPB) structures alongside a

dedicated Delivery Group for which Terms of Reference will be agreed by the Director of Economy, or his nominated representative.



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NEW RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN'S HOMES

The Cabinet considered a report of the Managing Director for Children and Young People, which set out the rationale and challenges faced in the current context regarding the increasing number of cared for children in residential placements, the lack of sufficient placements, provided detail about the activity already underway to manage this and outlined the proposals to further improve accommodation choices for children who are cared for by the local authority.

The report explained that the Council's Children's Services were aware that children and young people had better outcomes when they lived in their local communities.

The Cabinet was therefore, requested to consider proposals to enter negotiations to purchase, subject to the council's due diligence check, new homes to accommodate children who are cared for by the local authority and approve the refurbishment of an existing asset to repurpose into a children's home. The report also sought approval for all future decisions regarding these matters to be delegated to the Managing Director of Children and Young People, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), the Director of Finance, the Director of Legal and the Leader of the Council.

Options/alternatives considered:

Options and alternatives were to be considered at item 24 of the agenda.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at item 24 of the agenda before making a decision thereon.

16

IMPROVING OUR SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Education, Skills and Early Years that sought approval to remodel the delivery of services for young children and families creating seven new Family Hubs, delivering increased outreach into communities and an enhanced digital offer. Public consultation on these proposals took place between 6th December 2023 and 31st January 2024.

The Council is currently transforming its offer to families through the £3.6m Oldham Family Hubs programme. The programme will provide easily accessible places in local communities, which will provide families with children and young people aged 0-19 (up to 25 if there are special educational needs and disabilities) with early help to overcome difficulties and build stronger relationships. The Family Hubs programme is acting as a catalyst for the proposed wider re-modelling and improvement of

services for children and families in Oldham around seven new Family Hubs. These proposals were the subject of a public consultation that ran from 6th December 2023 to 31st January 2024.



Options/alternatives considered:

Options and alternatives were to be considered at item 25 of the agenda.

Cabinet was informed that the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Body had permitted this item to be considered at this meeting of the Cabinet, without prior notification on the Authority's forward plan of Key Decisions in accordance with Rules 13 and 14 of the Constitution

Resolved:

That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at item 25 of the agenda before making a decision thereon.

17

CAPITAL AND REVENUE GRANTS - CHILDCARE EXPANSION PROGRAMME

The Cabinet received a report of the Director of Education, Skills and Early years, which was seeking approval for the allocation and expenditure of the Oldham's 2024 - 2026 Childcare Expansion Capital and Revenue Grant. Specifically, it presented proposals for a capital and revenue grant application process. If approved this would enable the Council to meet its aims and objectives, detailed in the Childcare Expansion Programme and to fulfil its statutory duties in line with the Childcare Act 2006.

In the Spring Budget 2023 the government announced the biggest investment in childcare in history, doubling the amount they expect to spend over the next few years from around £4 billion to around £8 billion each year.

The childcare expansion Programme had two projects.

a. **Wraparound childcare** – by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term time childcare in their local area from 8am-6pm, so that parents can access employment and improve labour market participation. To support this ambition, the government announced that it will provide up to £289 million of start-up funding over two academic years to support local authorities and providers in England to introduce or expand childcare provision on either side of the school day, which parents of primary school-aged children will be able to pay to access.

b. **Expansion of the free entitlement to working parents** - England had some of the highest quality childcare provision in the world, with 96% of early years settings rated by Ofsted as good or outstanding. But the government has recognised that childcare is also one of the biggest costs facing working families today. This project is to ensure that eligible working parents can access 30 hours of free childcare per week, for 38 weeks a year from the term after their child's is 9-month-old to when they start

school. This will be rolled out in three phases starting April 2024 with the final phase being April 2025



Oldham has received notification from the Department for Education that it will receive both capital and revenue grant funding to support the expansion programme.

Options/alternatives considered:

Options and alternatives were to be considered at item 26 of the agenda.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at item 26 of the agenda before making a decision thereon.

18

CAPITAL INVESTMENT AT THE BLUECOAT SCHOOL

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Education, Skills and Early Years which advised that joint investment was required between Oldham Council and the Cranmer Education Trust (CET) to prevent the closure of a teaching block at the Bluecoat School site. The capital works required to prevent closure was £3.5m.

The Bluecoat School was part of the Cranmer Education Trust (CET). The Trust currently operates five schools:

- a. The Blue Coat C of E School. The only Ofsted “Outstanding” secondary school in Oldham. There are over 1200 pupils on roll in Years 7-11. The school also runs a very successful academic sixth form for 420 students who come from Blue Coat and schools across the borough and beyond.
- b. St Anne’s C of E Academy. The school is based in Rochdale for pupils aged 11-16 from a wide catchment area across Northeast Manchester.
- c. East Crompton St George’s C of E Primary School. A primary school based in the parish of St James, East Crompton, catering for children from 4 to 11 years old.
- d. Mayfield Primary School. A large, two-form entry primary school based in Derker catering for pupils from Reception to age 11, together with a nursery.
- e. The Brian Clarke C of E Academy. Opened in September 2022. This is an 11-16 school, admitting 240 pupils every year, in a newly built permanent site in the town centre of Oldham.

Options/alternatives considered:

Options and alternatives were to be considered at item 27 of the agenda.

Cabinet was informed that the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Body had permitted this item to be considered at this meeting of the Cabinet, without prior notification on the Authority’s forward plan of Key Decisions in accordance with Rules 13 and 14 of the Constitution.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at item 27 of the agenda before making a decision thereon.

19

PROCUREMENT OF SOCIAL PRESCRIBING SERVICE

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Public Health that sought approval for the procurement of an all-age social prescribing service.

Cabinet was informed that all the available extensions to the existing contract had been utilised, and the current contract was due to expire on 31st October 2024.

The Council's current Social Prescribing offer was a key contributor within the Adults Target Operating Model, Children's Early Help Strategy and Housing prevention offer, acting as step-down and improving flow through the system. This had involved the development of a few specialised elements to the service; children and young people's link workers, and during 2023/24 piloting of a dedicated link worker role in Adults Referral Contact Centre (ARCC). Alongside this was a volunteer model that had been developed to help support clients with lower-level needs.

Demand for the service has increased over the lifetime of the contract, with the service receiving 2,096 unique referrals in 2021/22, 2,509 in 2022/23 and 2,293 up to the end of Q3 (31st December 2023) 2023/24. Most referrals into the service are made by professionals in Primary Care, Mental Health Services, Acute Health Services and Social Care, although more than 1 in 10 are self-referrals. People are primarily referred into the service due to loneliness and isolation or mental health and wellbeing, however reasons for referral also include issues with welfare and money management, long-term conditions and housing. The children and young people's element of the service began in early 2023 and has now received over 200 referrals.

Options/alternatives considered:

The various options were considered at item 28 on the agenda.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at item 28 of the agenda before making a decision.

20

OLDHAM COUNCIL'S SOCIAL VALUE POLICY

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Finance that sought approval for the adoption of the Council's first social value policy, which would set out the approach within commissioning, procurement, and other wider practices as well as the approach to working with staff, partners, suppliers, and service providers to ensure additional benefits are delivered through all council activity, creating the best possible outcomes for our residents and communities.

It was reported that social value had first been introduced by The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 of which the Council responded to by implementing an Oldham specific social value framework and mandated weighted questions in all tenders. Through the years this framework approach had developed and evolved to the adoption of the National TOMs (themes, outcomes, and measures) and creation of the Oldham TOMs.

A review of the Council's social value journey was then undertaken in 2022, recognizing achievements but also identifying improvement areas to ensure our aim in becoming a leader in embedding social value is achieved. One such of those areas was in relation to governance and accountability and having a published policy and strategy.

The Social Value Portal had been working alongside key stakeholders within the Council to design and produce a policy which details the Council's approach and future ambitions, the final draft of which was at appendix 1, to the submitted report.

In parallel to this, a review also undertaken by the Social Value Portal to the Council's Local Needs Analysis. This document included a summary of insights to highlight the areas of highest deprivation, needs within the local community and priorities identified by Oldham Council. It aimed to provide guidance for stakeholders, suppliers, developers, contractors, and others working in Oldham to develop more robust social value strategies.

A workshop had been held to discuss the content of the analysis stemming from the Council's and the Borough's needs and priorities; the final draft of which, was included at appendix 4, to the submitted report.

Options/alternatives considered:

Option 1: To approve the policy and its publication, formally documenting the Council's approach and commitment to social value. The policy would then be available for the Council's partners, suppliers, and the community strengthening our commitment.

Option 2: To not approve the policy and its publication. The Council would not have in place a formalized policy to govern the approach to securing social value and further progressing in shaping and leading on the delivery of social value.

Cabinet was informed that the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Body had permitted this item to be considered at this meeting of the Cabinet, without prior notification on the Authority's forward plan of Key Decisions in accordance with Rules 13 and 14 of the Constitution

Resolved:

1. To approve the policy and its publication, formally documenting the Council's approach and commitment to social value; the policy will be available for the Council's

partners, suppliers, and the community strengthening the authority's commitment.

2. To approve the revised local needs analysis, documenting the needs and priorities of the Council and the wider community, which will be published on the Council's website and with all tendering opportunities, improving social value commitments proposed by bidders ensuring they are relevant to Oldham and its residents.

21

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:

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

22

SYNERGY EDUCATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - SYNERGY CONTRACT RENEWAL

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 8: Synergy Education Management System - Synergy Contract Renewal.

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet approves a Call-Off Contract, via Crown Commercial Services G Cloud 13 Framework Agreement RM1557.13 Lot 2 Cloud Software, for the continued use of the Synergy application.
2. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Legal Services to formalise any relevant legal requirements, including the execution of the Call-Off Contract as a Deed FCR-03-24.
3. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and the Director of Education Skills and Early Years to build flexibility into the call-off contract to allow for the purchase of additional modules and support in accordance with the framework agreement and the relevant pricing schedule, subject to budget availability and approval.

23

A LOCAL RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL HOUSING CRISIS

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 11: A Local Response to the National Housing Crisis.

Resolved:

1. Cabinet approves the funding and delegations as set out in the submitted report, to support a local response to the national housing crisis.
2. Cabinet approves, in principle and delegates to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), in consultation with the Directors of Legal and Finance, and the Deputy Leader/Portfolio holder for Housing and Licensing, for an additional revenue allocation of £2.162m to provide a



dedicated response and local investment to respond to the housing crisis; broken down as follows:

- a. To make the existing 13.5 FTE fixed term grant funded posts within the Housing Options Service permanent to ensure stability and staff retention within the Services. Underwriting subject to external grant provision / extension £0.524m
 - b. To improve customer service capacity in Access Oldham and ensure residents are supported by reducing waiting times for face-to-face appointments, and on the phone lines £0.24m.
 - c. To enter into a long term (25 year) leasing agreement to provide access to 47 accommodation units for Temporary Accommodation (TA) provision through a private landlord, Helping Hands. Included within the lease is a lease yield of 7.5% payable over the 25 years with the rental costs being funded from Local Housing Allowance.
 - d. To procure and enter into a contract with an external provider to deliver the Out of Hours Emergency Homelessness Support Service for a period of 12 months. Anticipated maximum cost to the Council £0.130m per annum.
 - e. To accelerate housing delivery through the recruitment of a dedicated team £0.208m and funding for feasibility / business case development work £0.250m.
 - f. To improve housing standards through dedicated and proactive enforcement £0.095m.
 - g. To bring on-line an additional 7-bed unit using the e-bed model as an additional temporary accommodation for rough sleepers at a total cost of £0.146m which will be fully funded from the Asylum Dispersal Grant.
 - h. To agree the allocation of £0.715m for the use of temporary accommodation properties.
3. Cabinet approves in principle and delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) in consultation with the Directors of Legal and the Deputy Leader/Portfolio holder for Housing and Licensing for an additional £1m investment to provide a local response to the housing challenges will be reviewed during the first quarter of the 2024/25, with any drawdown on the additional resources reported to Cabinet in the 2024/25 Quarter 1 Revenue & Capital Monitoring Report.
 4. Cabinet approves in principle and delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) in consultation with the Directors of Legal and Finance, and the Leader of the Council/Portfolio holder for Reform and Regeneration and the Deputy Leader/Portfolio holder for Housing and Licensing to draw down from the Flexible Housing Fund capital allocation with the Creating a Better Place Capital Programme to a maximum value of capital investment of £10m as follows:

- a. To purchase/acquire properties for conversion to TA units / Children's care homes as needed.
- b. To purchase/acquire empty properties across the borough and bring them back into use as socially affordable homes.
- c. To accelerate the development and delivery of social house building on Council land.
- d. To work with partners to accelerate the development and delivery of social house building where viability is proven to be a challenge.
5. Approval in principle to accelerate property acquisition using Compulsory Purchase Powers with delegation to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) for details and requirements as needed, in consultation with the Directors of Economy, Legal and Finance, and the Leader of the Council/Portfolio holder for Reform and Regeneration and the Deputy Leader/Portfolio holder for Housing and Licensing.

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NEW RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN'S HOMES

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 15: New Residential Children's Homes.

Resolved:

1. That the Cabinet approves the funding and delegations as set out in the submitted report, to support the new residential children's homes.
2. Cabinet approves the proposal to enter into negotiations for the in-principal purchase and refurbishment of 3/4-bedroomed homes to be converted to registered residential children's homes.
3. Cabinet approves the capital expenditure, of £1.730m for the purchase and refurbishment of three 3/4-bedroomed residential properties.
4. Cabinet approves the additional allocation of capital expenditure of £0.230m to the scheme, to be funded from Funds for Emerging Priorities, currently allocated within the Capital Programme and Strategy 2024/25 to 2028/29.
5. Cabinet authorises the Director of Economy, Director of Finance and the Director of Legal, in consultation with the Managing Director of Children and Young People, to enter negotiations and agree terms for the purchase of three residential properties, for the purpose of registered children's homes.
6. Cabinet authorises the Director of Economy and Director of Finance, in consultation with the Managing Director of Children and Young People, to undertake procurement, appoint contractors and enter into legal agreements for the refurbishment of the premises as registered children's homes.
7. Cabinet authorises the Director of Legal Services, and/or his appointed nominee, to negotiate and enter into the necessary legal documentation.

8. Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Legal Services, and/or his appointed nominee to formalise any necessary legal requirements including signing and/or sealing any documentation required to give effect to the recommendations and/or delegations in this report.
9. Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Economy and the Director of Legal, and/or their appointed nominee, to approve the appointment of external legal advisers, if required, to protect the Council's interests and give effect to the recommendations in the submitted report.
10. Cabinet approves the proposal for future decisions regarding the homes to be delegated to the Managing Director of Children and Young People, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), the Director of Finance and the Leader of the Council.

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IMPROVING OUR SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 16: Improving our Services for Children, Young People and their Families.

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet approves Option 1, detailed in the submitted report, approving the move forwards, with the phased implementation of a remodelled service around 7 Family Hubs.
2. Cabinet notes that all new Family Hubs sites are proposed to open during Spring 2024.
3. Cabinet approves the de-designation of the remaining 10 children's centres and relocation of services to be implemented over two phases to ensure residents are fully aware and engaged as services and sessions shift between local buildings.

26

CAPITAL AND REVENUE GRANTS - CHILDCARE EXPANSION PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 17: Capital and Revenue Grants – Childcare Expansion Programme.

Resolved:

1. that Cabinet approves the allocation and expenditure of Oldham's 2024/26 Childcare Expansion Capital and Revenue Grant; thereby enabling the Early Years PVI and Schools sector to submit expressions of interest to support the delivery of the programme aims, with the grants being awarded based on a full supply and demand mapping assessment which will highlight areas within the borough where demand is likely to exceed supply.
2. Cabinet notes that this course of action poses no risk to the council or council budgets as all funding is provided through a DfE S31 Grant, which will ensure that the Local Authority remains compliant with its statutory duties

outlined within the Childcare Act 2006 and the Councils corporate plan and aligning strategies.



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CAPITAL INVESTMENT AT THE BLUECOAT SCHOOL

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 18: Capital Investment at the Bluecoat School.

Resolved:

That Cabinet approves the funding of the capital project, detailed in the report, in the sum of £3.5m; of which:

- a. The Council should fund £1.169m (33.4%) through a direct grant award to Cranmer Education Trust (CET) from the Council's Basic Need allocation.
- b. The Council should fund £1.84m (52.6%) through a loan to CET from the Council's Basic Need allocation. This loan would be repayable from CET to the Council over a term of ten years at a non-commercial rate of interest.
- c. CET should directly fund £0.491m (14%) directly from Trust finances from the outset of the project.

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PROCUREMENT OF SOCIAL PRESCRIBING SERVICE

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 19: Procurement of Social Prescribing Service.

Resolved:

1. Cabinet agrees to the procurement of an all age social prescribing service for a period of 5 years, with the option to extend for 2x +2 year periods.
2. Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to award the contract following use of the NHS Provider Selection Regime (PSR) to select a provider.
3. Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to approve any extensions to the contract as provided for within the original contract terms and where there is budget available.

The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 6.35pm

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**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER
MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 2024**

PRESENT:

Mayor of Greater Manchester	Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
Deputy Mayor (Police, Crime & Fire)	Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Nicholas Peel
Bury	Councillor Lucy Smith
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Hunter
Tameside	Councillor Ged Cooney
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor Nazia Rehman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley
GM Older People's Equality Panel	Nakib Narat

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Deputy Monitoring Officer	Melinda Edwards
GMCA Deputy Monitoring Officer	Gwynne Williams
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
GMCA Director of Governance & Scrutiny	Julie Connor
Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Harry Catherall

Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Tom Stannard
Stockport	Michael Cullen
Tameside	Julian Jackson
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
TfGM	Martin Lax
TfGM	Anne Marie Purcell
TfGM	Steve Warrener
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lee Teasdale

1. Apologies

That apologies be received from Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (Bury), Councillor Arooj Shah (Oldham), Councillor David Molyneux (Wigan), Caroline Simpson (Stockport), Sandra Stewart (Tameside) and Councillor Nadim Muslim (Chair of the GM Overview & Scrutiny Committee).

2. Chairs Announcements and Urgent Business

1. That the GMCA acknowledges the sad passing of Sam Malik, a valued member of the Manchester Music Commission, and that condolences be passed on to his family, friends and the wider Manchester music community impacted by this.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made in relation to any item on the agenda.

4. Minutes of the GMCA Meeting Held on 9 February 2024

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 9 February 2024 be approved as a correct record.

5. Minutes of the Greater Manchester Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 7 February 2024

That the minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 7 February 2024 be received.

6. Commemoration of the Ukrainian Holodomor

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the update on the 'Unbroken Cities' network plans to support the Mayor of Lviv on the development of a rehabilitation centre be received.
3. That the GMCA endorses the following statement:
 - *The Holodomor was an act of genocide against Ukrainians in 1932-33.*
 - *The GMCA recognises the 4th Saturday of November as a day of remembrance for the innocent victims of the Holodomor.*

7. Homelessness from the Asylum System – Update and Response

1. That the unprecedented levels of homelessness and rough sleeping among new refugees in Greater Manchester, the linked service pressures and the opportunities for improvements to our service offer to this cohort, now and in the longer-term be noted.
2. That support be given to efforts to secure additional funds to boost Voluntary Community Faith Social Enterprise (VCFSE) provision for this cohort, with a focus on prevention and Private Rented Sector (PRS) access, and ensure that Housing Options and homelessness teams support delivery of GMCA-commissioned services.
3. That the continued or additional investment in capacity for specialist frontline support for people in or leaving the asylum system, especially across homelessness, social services, education teams, using current and

future (potential) Asylum Dispersal Grant funding be considered.

4. That support be given for continued engagement with national Government and efforts to evidence and communicate impacts on people, services and communities are visible more widely.
5. That support be given to shared key policy asks in order to:
 - i. give GM's local systems time to recover;
 - ii. fund GM's systems to enable effective response now and in the longer term;
 - iii. improve transitions from the asylum system and;
 - iv. address wider policy issues that are preventing access to affordable housing.
6. That the update received on the ongoing significant pressures placed upon local authorities in meeting homelessness need as a result of failures in national migration and asylum policy be noted.

8. Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Switchover Update

1. That the significant issues in telecare arising from the PSTN switchover rollout be noted.
2. That support be given to further action including correspondence with Government to urge action in response to the current risk to adults, and to develop a funded National Action Plan that includes telecare switchover working with telecommunications providers, the telecare industry and the LGA.
3. That the establishment of the GM PSTN Working Group as a forum to assess the readiness of GM for the switch over, share best practice and bring forward significant issues as they arise be noted.

4. That it be noted that there has been an exchange of letters between the Mayor and DSIT Secretary of State in December 2023 and January 2024 regarding increasing concerns of the PSTN switchover.
5. That it be noted that a further paper would be brought back to the GMCA asking the government for an extension to the switchover deadline.

9. Greater Manchester Age-Friendly Strategy

1. That the refreshed Greater Manchester Age-Friendly Strategy be approved.
2. That the comments received from Nakib Narat, the Chair of the GM Older People's Equality Panel, be noted.
3. That thanks be expressed to all political and officer leads for their considerable work on developing the refreshed Strategy.

10. Net Zero Accelerator Fund

1. That the update on Innovate UK funding and the opportunity to deliver a Net Zero Accelerator be noted.
2. That approval be given to GMCA submitting a business case and acting as the accountable body for a circa £6-7m award from Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) potentially via Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority, with delegated authority to the Lead Portfolio holder, Chief Executive and Treasurer to finalise the business case, receive and defray funding if successful.

11. Greater Manchester Investment Zone

1. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Economy Portfolio Chief Executive and Leader, to negotiate with Government project allocations in 2024-25.
2. That a further update will be provided to the GMCA, following Ministerial

approval, confirming the project allocations in 2024-25, and overall indicative allocations across the programme as a whole be noted.

3. That the further detail sought by members on the GM Investment Zone Package be made available at the appropriate time.

12. Greater Manchester Investment Framework

1. That an equity investment of up to £500k to Advanced Therapeutic Materials Ltd be approved.
2. That a convertible loan of up to £400k to Financielle Ltd be approved.
3. That a loan of up to £300k to Home Global Holdings Ltd be approved.
4. That authority be delegated to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above investments, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the investments, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investments noted above.

13. Delivering the Bee Network – Bus Franchising Implementation Update

1. That the progress towards the implementation of Tranche 2 of bus franchising be noted.
2. That the update received on the Bee Network Night Bus Pilot be noted.

14. The Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021 – Procurement Update

1. That the outcome of the process to procure a preferred service provider to operate the Hyde Road, Sharston, Stockport, Tameside and Wythenshawe Large Local Service Contracts in Sub-Area C of the Scheme be noted and agreed.

2. That the proposed key contractual arrangements of the Hyde Road, Sharston, Stockport, Tameside and Wythenshawe Large Local Service Contracts be noted.
3. That the comments of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.
4. That the update received on the proposal for a contactless rail pilot scheme to take place within Greater Manchester in 2025 be noted.
5. That it be noted that the new Stockport Interchange will officially be opened on 17th March.
6. That it be noted that a new fleet of electric buses will operate out of South Manchester from November 2024, ahead of Tranche 3 going live in early 2025.

15. Exclusion of the Press and Public

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

PART B

16. Greater Manchester Investment Framework

That the contents of the report be noted.

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report in Part A of the agenda (Item 12 above refers).

**17. Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses
2021 – Procurement Update**

1. That the comments received from the GM Overview & Scrutiny Committee be noted.

**17a. Procurement of the Tranche 3 Hyde Road Large Local
Service Contract**

1. That the recommendations within the report be approved.

**17b. Procurement of the Tranche 3 Hyde Road Large Local
Service Contract**

1. That the recommendations within the report be approved.

**17c. Procurement of the Tranche 3 Hyde Road Large Local
Service Contract**

1. That the recommendations within the report be approved.

**17d. Procurement of the Tranche 3 Hyde Road Large Local
Service Contract**

1. That the recommendations within the report be approved.

**17e. Procurement of the Tranche 3 Hyde Road Large Local
Service Contract**

1. That the recommendations within the report be approved.

Clerk's Note: These items were considered in support of the report in Part A of the agenda (Item 14 above refers).

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)

This decision notice was issued 26 February 2024 on behalf of Julie Connor, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Broadhurst House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU. The deadline for call in of the attached decisions is 4.00pm on 4 March 2024.

Call-In Process

In accordance with the scrutiny procedure rules, these decisions would come into effect five days after the publication of this notice unless before that time any three members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee decides to call-in a decision.

Members must give notice in writing to the Chief Executive that they wish to call-in a decision, stating their reason(s) why the decision should be scrutinised. The period between the publication of this decision notice and the time a decision may be implemented is the 'call-in' period.

Decisions which have already been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and where the GMCA's decision agrees with the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may not be called in.

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**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 22 MARCH, 2024**

PRESENT:

GM Mayor	Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
GM Deputy Mayor	Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Nicholas Peel
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Hunter
Tameside	Councillor Ged Cooney
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair of GMCA Overview & Scrutiny	Councillor Nadim Muslim
Co-Chair Faith Network 4 Manchester	Rabbi Warren Elf
Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Gillian Duckworth
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Lee Fallows
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	James Binks
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	John Searle
Stockport	Caroline Simpson

Tameside	Sandra Stewart
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
TfGM	Martin Lax
TfGM	Anne Marie Purcell
TfGM	Steve Warrener
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lee Teasdale

1. APOLOGIES

That apologies be received and noted from Sue Johnson (Bolton) (represented by Lee Fallows), Joanne Roney (Manchester) (represented by James Binks) and Tom Stannard (Salford) (represented by John Searle).

2. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

1. That the GMCA welcomes the confirmed adoption of Places for Everyone, recognising the contributions of each of the constituent districts in bringing it to this point.
2. That infrastructure reports on supporting growth locations be submitted to a future GMCA meeting.

3. BEE NETWORK PERFORMANCE UPDATE

1. That the launch of Tranche 2 of the Bee Network on Sunday 24th March 2024 be noted.
2. That the successful launch of Stockport Interchange on Sunday 17th March 2024 be noted.
3. That it be ensured that residents were made fully aware of the compensation scheme when moving from individual bus operator fares products to the Bee Network fare structure.

4. That the Mayor reaffirms his commitment to the introduction of TravelSafe Live Chat as soon as possible.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5. GMCA MINUTES - 23 FEBRUARY 2024

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 23 February 2024 be approved as a correct record.

6. GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MINUTES - 21 FEBRUARY 2024

That the proceeding of the meeting of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 21 February 2024 be noted.

7. BEE NETWORK COMMITTEE MINUTES - 22 FEBRUARY 2024

That the proceedings of the meeting of the Bee Network Committee held on 22 February 2024 be noted.

8. GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES - 13 MARCH 2024

That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 13 March 2024 be noted.

9. GMCA WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES - 13 MARCH 2024

That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee held on 13 March 2024 be noted.

10 APPOINTMENT OF GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE GMCA, FIRE & TFGM

1. That the recruitment process undertaken be noted.
2. That the appointment of Caroline Simpson to the role of Group Chief Executive Officer for the GMCA, Fire & TfGM at a salary of £240k per annum, based on the role description attached to this report be approved.

3. That Caroline Simpson (as the Chief Executive Officer of the GMCA) be designated as the statutory Head of Paid Service for the GMCA in accordance with s4 Local Government & Housing Act 1989.
4. That Caroline Simpson (as the Chief Executive Officer of the GMCA) be appointed as the Combined Authority Returning Officer for any Combined Authority election taking place after the commencement of her appointment.
5. That Caroline Simpson be appointed as the Group Chief Executive Officer of TfGM (the Transport Executive) and GMCA (the Transport Authority) as the Director General of TfGM in accordance with the provisions of the Transport Act 1968.
6. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Deputy Chief Executive & GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to finalise the terms of the contract and the start date.

11 A BED EVERY NIGHT BUDGET AND UPDATE 2024/25

1. That the A Bed Every Night budget for 2024/25 (£5,600,000) be approved.
2. That the intended direction of travel for the ABEN budget for 2025/26 be noted.
3. That following the last year of the programme there be a review of the year, considering how the activity could be continually built upon.
4. That the Mayor will raise the importance of changing funding mechanisms to ensure a fair flow to districts with additional burdens when he meets with the Home Secretary.

12 GREATER MANCHESTER CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. That the positive early signs in relation to compliance with the 'Greater Manchester Pledge' as part of an ambition to tackle the issue of high costs and reliance on agency social workers be noted.

2. That the positive progress towards the establishment of the Greater Manchester Fostering Hub, to be hosted by Rochdale Council, as part of the national Fostering pathfinder, supported by the announcement of a further allocation of funding from DfE to support communications activity over the next 12 months, be noted.
3. That funding of up to £5m be allocated to acquire properties to be used for Project Skyline. The selection of properties will be determined by the Skyline Board and recommended to the GMCA for acquisition.
4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to review and agree the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the acquisitions, to sign off any conditions, issue final approvals and complete any documentation in respect of the property acquisitions on behalf of the GMCA, as recommended by the Skyline Board.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to review, agree the content, and sign the Partnership Agreement on behalf of GMCA, noting that GMCA's role is one of convener, funder, owner and landlord of the properties acquired.
6. That approval be given for the GMCA to take the lead role in procuring the contract on behalf of the 10 districts but that one of the 10 LAs is named in the contract as the lead Authority and is provided as part of the partnership arrangements with resources to manage the contract on an ongoing basis on behalf of the 10. That it be noted that contract management will have resource implications which will need to be shared across Local Authorities.
7. That the current consultation process underway with Locality Boards across Greater Manchester in relation to the development of the 'Giving every child and young person the best start in life' part of the GM Integrated Care Partnership Joint Forward Plan, be noted.

13 #BEEWELL SURVEY HEADLINES

1. That the key findings of the 2023 #BeeWell survey results be noted.
2. That approval be given for members to act on what the data was telling and support the #BeeWell mission to make young people's wellbeing everybody's business and that those examples provided in the report to suggest connections to local priorities, ensuring young people's voices were leading the response be utilised.

3. That the examples shared where #BeeWell, and the voices of young people, has had impact, locally be received.
4. That the GMCA record its thanks to Councillor Mark Hunter and the Childrens Board for their work in bringing the survey together.
5. That approval be given for the valuable ward breakdown data to be made available to individual districts.

14 COST OF LIVING & ECONOMIC RESILIENCE UPDATE

1. That the latest assessment and emerging response and views on the next steps in that response be noted.
2. That the GMCA record its continued concerns around the uncertainty of ongoing Household Support Funding.
3. That the Deputy Mayors campaign in collaboration with the Co-Operative Group to make violence against retail workers a specific offence be noted.
4. That Transport for Greater Manchester be requested to remind residents through communications channels of the significant savings that could be made through combined travel mode ticket offers.

15 GREATER MANCHESTER FAITH, BELIEF AND INTERFAITH COVENANT

1. That the Covenant and the commitments within it be endorsed.
2. That the GMCA record its thanks to Rabbi Warren Elf for his continued contribution.
3. That the GMCA record its thanks to Sara Todd as the Chief Executive Lead for the work undertaken on the Covenant.

16 GREATER MANCHESTER DEVOLVED ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET (AEB) AND FREE COURSES FOR JOBS (FCFJ) UPDATE

1. That the achievements and performance of Greater Manchester's devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) for the 2022/2023 academic year, set out in Section 2 be noted.
2. That the developments and progress of Greater Manchester's devolved Adult

Education Budget (AEB) for the current 2023/2024 academic year, set out in Section 3, be noted.

3. That the proposed indicative devolved AEB allocations and 'Level 3 Single Pot' for grant funded and indicative devolved AEB allocations for procured providers for skills provision be approved and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to agree any minor changes that arise during discussions between each institution and GMCA.
4. That the Level 3 Single Pot commissioning approach be noted and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead and Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Education, Skills, Work, Apprenticeships and Digital to take forward this commissioning, to contract award.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead and Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Education, Skills, Work, Apprenticeships and Digital, to make decisions relating to the procurement of skills & work delivery utilising any devolved AEB underspend.
6. That approval be given for support to be continued for the administration and management costs for the 2024/2025 academic year.
7. That the Mayor of Greater Manchester approved the proposed indicative devolved AEB allocations, 'Level 3 Single Pot' and subsequent expenditure for the GM grant-funded local authorities, and to grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer to approve any minor changes that arise in the course of discussions between each local authority and GMCA.
8. That the Mayor of Greater Manchester approved the continuation of the AEB LA Grant Programme to each of the ten local authorities, including varying where necessary levels of funding per local authority.
9. That the GMCA record its thanks the GMCA Education, Work & Skills Team.

17. GREATER MANCHESTER SMART DECARBONISATION NETWORK

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1. That the development of the Greater Manchester Smart Decarbonisation Network (GM-SDN) in line with the Memorandum of Agreement between GMCA and DSIT be endorsed.

2. That support be given to work between local authorities to share learning and where possible identify opportunities to scale the Smart Decarbonisation Network (SDN) and associated outcomes.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Digital City Region, to approve the allocation of funding for partner organisations and any required variations to funding allocations subsequently required to meet the overall project objectives within the defined parameters of the project.

18 RETAINED BUSINESS RATES UPDATE

1. That the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.
2. That the GMCA record its thanks to the GMCA Finance Team.
3. That the forecast, as at the end of quarter 3, for 2023/24 business rates income be noted.
4. That the planned income for 2024/25 be noted.
5. That the proposed 2024/25 Greater Manchester use of the 2023/24 business rates income be approved.
6. That the position in respect of the future developments in relation to retained business rates be noted, including
 - Trailblazer Devolution (TDD) 10-year business rates retention scheme.
 - TDD Growth Zones enhanced business rates areas.
 - Investment Zone enhanced business rates areas.
 - GM partial reset

Future approach to GM investment

19 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy be approved.

20 2024/25 GMCA CAPITAL STRATEGY

That the Capital Strategy for 2024/25 be approved.

21. PROGRESS IN TACKLING THE BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCY IN GREATER MANCHESTER

1. That the publication of a State of Nature Report be noted.
2. That the progress in developing the Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy be noted.
3. That the delivery of the Green Spaces Fund be noted.
4. That the compliance with the Biodiversity Duty be noted.

22. BIOWASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PROCUREMENT

1. That the commencement of the procurement process for biowaste treatment contracts for the period June 2026 to March 2034 be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Head of Paid Service in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer and the Portfolio Lead for Green City Region, to approve the award of contracts under the biowaste framework.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to complete all necessary legal agreements for the Biowaste treatment contracts.
4. That approval be given to the market testing exercise as set out in the biowaste strategy at section 4.0.

23. FUTURE WASTE SERVICE PROVISION

1. That the extension of the WRMS and HWRCMS contracts for waste disposal between the parties set out in section 1 of the report from 2026 to 2034 be approved.
2. That the completion of contract documentation be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, in consultation with to the Executive Director, Waste and Resources.
3. That the concerns raised about the landfill site at Pilsworth South be noted and

that the resolution of the issue be considered a highest level priority due to ongoing health concerns raised by residents.

24 GMCA TOOTAL BUILDINGS LEASE RENEWAL

1. That the Lease renewal for accommodation within the Tootal Buildings to be occupied by the GMCA on a 10-year term with 5-year break option as per the terms set out in the corresponding Part B report be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer and GMCA Treasurer to finalise the terms and complete the lease and any related documents required to give effect to this decision.

25 GREATER MANCHESTER LAND COMMISSION - UPDATE

That the report be noted.

26 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING DELIVERY PLAN

That the Greater Manchester Housing Delivery Plan, as set out in this document and the Implementation Plan as set out in Annex 1, be approved.

27 LONG TERM INVESTMENT INTO HOUSING DELIVERY

1. That approval be given for a £5m loan into a newly created Greater Manchester Key Worker Fund, to be managed by Places for People's investment arm – Thriving Investments Limited.
2. That the use of £2m to refinance the Greater Manchester Housing Investment Fund investment from Hive Homes (Greater Manchester) LLP be approved.
3. That the proposed £0.5m equity investment to Step Places for the third phase of the Bolton Moor Lane development be approved.
4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

28 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND AND BROWNFIELD HOUSING FUND

1. That the GMHILF loans, detailed in the table below, be approved, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report. The recommendation is to approve as a cap on lending, with the Combined Authority committing to provide £120m across the two schemes and having the option to provide a further £20m if there was surplus funding available.

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Trinity Developments (Manchester) Ltd	Tower D1, Trinity Island	Manchester	£70.8m
New Jackson (Contour) Investments Ltd	Contour	Manchester	£69.2m

2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to change the funding source of GMHILF loans into the Brownfield Housing Fund in advance of 31 March 2024.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Housing, to approve funding and urgent variations to existing funding for GMHILF, City Deal Receipts and/or the Brownfield Housing Fund funding in the period 22 March 2024 to 31 May 2024.
4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.
5. That it be noted that any recommendations approved under the delegation will be reported to the next available meeting of the GMCA.

29 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

1. That the proposed follow-on equity investment of up to £300k to The Modular Analytics Company Limited be approved.
2. That the capital loan of up to £2.6m to Glenbrook Industrial Limited be approved.
3. That amendments to the £650k loan in place with FM Outsource Limited be

approved.

4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above investments, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the investments, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investments noted above.
5. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources, to approve projects for funding and agree urgent variations to the terms of funding in the period 22 March 2024 to 30 May 2024.
6. That it be noted that any recommendations approved under the delegation will be reported to the next available meeting of the GMCA.

30 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

PART B

31 FUTURE WASTE SERVICE PROVISION

That the report be noted.

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 22 above refers).

32 GMCA TOOTAL BUILDINGS LEASE RENEWAL

That the report be noted.

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the

agenda (Item 23 above refers).

33 LONG TERM INVESTMENT INTO HOUSING DELIVERY

That the report be noted.

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 26 above refers).

34 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be noted.

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 27 above refers).

35 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK

That the report be noted.

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 28 above refers).

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)

This decision notice was issued 25th March 2024 on behalf of Julie Connor, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Broadhurst House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU. The deadline for call in of the attached decisions is 4.00pm on 3rd April 2023.

Call-In Process

In accordance with the scrutiny procedure rules, these decisions would come into effect five days after the publication of this notice unless before that time any three members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee decides to call-in a decision.

Members must give notice in writing to the Chief Executive that they wish to call-in a decision, stating their reason(s) why the decision should be scrutinised. The period between the publication of this decision notice and the time a decision may be implemented is the 'call-in' period.

Decisions which have already been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and where the GMCA's decision agrees with the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may not be called in.

Portfolio Report

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Elaine Taylor, Deputy Leader of Oldham Council
Cabinet Member for Decent Homes

This report provides an update on the main activity since the last Council meeting relating to portfolio responsibilities.

Housing Needs / Homelessness

Unfortunately, residents continue to seek housing support when they find themselves homeless as ongoing rent and mortgage financial pressures impact on residents and communities. The Council is now supporting over 600 households in temporary accommodation. With so many residents, and families being supported, the limited places available within the borough are under significant pressure and we're keen to find move-on homes as soon as possible to avoid families living in hotels and B&Bs.

We have recently introduced a new computer system to help manage the housing register and advertise social housing properties that become available to rent. Residents are telling us that they find it easier to register for rehousing and they are able to upload their supporting documents to the system while keeping track of the application progress. This has already assisted with reducing wait times on the phone and via email for residents. There are currently over 6,500 households on the housing register waiting for social housing and just to put this into context, from 1 April 2023 to 14 June 2024 only 1,211 homes (1bed – 4 bed) became available for let: there simply is not enough socially affordable homes for residents to bid for.

The Housing Options team will be moving location in July to a new location within the Civic Centre – this will provide a new front door for all housing enquiries and a dedicated place to visit when residents need help, advice and support related to housing issues.

Housing Standards / Selective Licensing

The Environmental Health team has continued to respond to complaints of disrepair from residents living in the private rented sector. This sector has witnessed a significant increase in the number of overall complaints compounded by the poor weather and the cost of living challenge. In the last 12 months, the team has received over 800 complaints from Oldham Residents. Housing Standards Officers respond to all complaints and take necessary enforcement action to ensure that the property is suitable for occupation. Officers work with landlords but also use emergency powers to ensure risks are management and the property is safe. In response to the Housing Emergency declaration by Oldham Council earlier this year, the team has been supported by 2 additional housing standards officers to help deliver the compliance and improvements in the private rented sector.

In addition to the ongoing enforcement, the Council's Selective Licensing Scheme continues to deliver improvements in the housing stock - since it's commencement in July 2022, the scheme has received 672 applications from landlords; 464 licenses have been issued, and 308 condition audits have been completed. Work and inspections are ongoing; however, during this period, Officers have addressed over 100 'Category 1 hazards' (the most serious) in rented properties.

Housing Delivery

Helping to address the cost of living and housing crisis, the Council has committed to building 500 truly affordable homes over the next 5 years. These will be let at rents residents can afford (at Local Housing Allowance Rates). A Housing Recovery Board has been established to further accelerate the delivery of new homes (including empty homes being brought back into use) and the supply of additional temporary accommodation. Key housing delivery projects are as follows:

Town Centre – Last year the Council signed a strategic partnership agreement with a nationally accredited company called MUSE, to deliver the Council's plans for 2,000 new homes across a number of strategic sites within Oldham Town Centre. A Detailed Business Plan has been signed off by the Council and public consultation on the Development Framework is taking place in July 2024 (which is a precursor to an outline planning application for the core sites being submitted early next year). One Public Estate (£3.2 M) and GMCA Brownfield Funding (£5.5 M) have been secured to help bring forward the first key sites.

Broadway Green - alongside an employment site delivering valuable jobs for our residents of Oldham, the final two residential phases (R3 and R4) are being finalised and should be on-site over the next few months. This will deliver 138 further homes in addition to the 332 already built.

Fitton Hill – Countryside Properties are on site constructing 365 mixed tenure homes on brownfield land owned by the Council and ForViva that had been derelict for over 20 years. The development includes 49 truly affordable homes as well as shared ownership, private rented and open market sale with the first homes ready for occupation in September 2024. Discussions are taking place with Great Places and Countryside to potential increase the number of truly affordable homes by a further 23.

Derker - In April, Hive Homes secure Planning Permission for 132 low and zero carbon housing on brownfield land which will include a mix of truly affordable rented homes, shared ownership and private sale. Construction is due to commence in July 2024.

Southlink – Marketing has commenced on the former Oldham Mumps Station site, jointly owned with TfGM, to deliver around 150 apartments and houses including truly affordable homes and zero carbon homes. Market interest has been encouraging with 3 strong bids expected to be submitted by the end of June. An application by the Council for £1.9M has been submitted to Round 3 of the One Public Estate Brownfield Housing Land Remediation Fund and the outcome of this application is expected after the election.

Foundry Street - In June Planning Permission was granted for 15 one-bedroom supported living apartments in the town centre. The specialist accommodation will provide much-needed homes for young people at risk of homelessness and is being delivered by Jigsaw Homes, working in partnership with the Council. £1.5 M Grant has been secured from the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP). A start on site is anticipated in the Summer 2024 with completion schedule for Autumn 2025.

Taxi & Premises Licensing

The Licensing team delivers the Council's statutory licensing service which has a varied remit, and includes the licensing of alcohol, entertainment, and late-night refreshments premises together with gambling establishments, street trading, some highways permissions, scrap metal dealers, marriage premises and adult entertainment venues. The team undertakes routine compliance inspections at these locations to ensure they comply with legal requirements. Where issues are identified, the team works with partners to ensure compliance.

The licensing team also fulfils the council's statutory duty relating to the private hire and hackney carriage trade, covering operators, drivers and licensed vehicles. Since changes in the policy, the Council has seen a significant increase in the number of drivers and vehicles registered. Currently, there are 1,417 licensed vehicles and 2,262 licensed drivers. There are also another 839 applications for a driver's license being processed, almost a doubling in numbers since the policy was amended in 2023. In the last 12 months, the Licensing team inspected 120 vehicles and drivers to ensure compliance.

Recommendations: Council is requested to note the report.

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Portfolio Report

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Abdul Jabbar
Cabinet Member for Value for Money and Sustainability

This report provides an update on the main activity since the last Council meeting relating to portfolio responsibilities.

Finance: The Council's accounts for 2023/24 were submitted to the auditors on 7th June, and Oldham's audit is expected to start in September 2024. The accounts show a financially neutral position for 2023/24, however, this is after an additional contribution from reserves of £16.1m, slightly less than the forecast of £16.6m reported to Cabinet in the Quarter 3 budget monitoring report.

I have previously highlighted the financial pressures faced by this Council, which mirror those faced by many other Councils across the country. The Council is facing unprecedented demands for many services, particularly the increased number and cost of children being looked after by the Council and families needing temporary accommodation.

Work is now under way to prepare budget updates for 2024/25. The position at the end of Quarter One will be presented to Cabinet in August. The collection rate for 2023/24 was 94.11% for council tax, above the GM average of 94.00%. For business rates it was 96.22%, just below the GM average of 96.55%. This is a much-improved position from a few years ago.

At the end of May, the in-year collection rate for Council Tax was 19.39% and for Business Rates was 20.48%. Whilst it is still very early in the financial year, it is encouraging to note that rates are similar to last year, despite the financial challenges facing many of our residents and businesses. Additional technology continues to be introduced to increase efficiency, shorten processing times and improve the resident experience by reducing repeat contact. Since the Govtech system was introduced in January the number of automated processes has increased from zero to nearly 60%.

IT & Digital: Over the past three months, IIT has been instrumental in delivering key projects to support the council's transition to a digitally enabled local authority:

- **8x8 Software Telephony Implementation:** New digital telephony software has been implemented across the council driving savings through the removal of unrequired phone connections.
- **MioCare Helpline System Replacement:** The critical replacement of the MioCare Helpline System has been completed, and the new system is now fully operational.
- **GIS:** a new web application has been developed and launched which provides public access to the council's mapping system.
- **LOCATA Housing:** a new LOCATA Housing system is now live which will improve residents experience of the service and ease administrative and staffing pressures in the Housing service.
- **Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Transition:** Nationally the PSTN will close in 2027 with a requirement to move current devices to digital networks. We are progressing with auditing all impacted sites across the borough to prepare for the transition and assess any upgrades or changes that may be required.
- **GM One Fibre Network:** IT is working with GM to activate the GM One fibres across the borough. The roll out of GM One will provide a single active network available for public services across the city region driving efficiency and security.

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- **IT Support for Key Refurbishments:** Ongoing IT infrastructure work is being conducted for key regeneration projects throughout the Borough, including The Old Library, Royton Town Hall, Alexandra Park, and the new Family Hubs.

HR & OD

Greater Jobs – New Website: Greater Jobs is a local government job search website collectively owned and hosted by the 10 Greater Manchester authorities and now also includes other authorities across the northwest. It was set up by the GM HR Directors collaboration as there is no nationally owned site for applying for Local Government jobs – unlike other public sector employers. In early June we moved from our current provider to a new provider which increases our ability to attract new applicants and has features which will make applying for roles a much-improved experience, as well as supporting our ability internally to report on relevant recruitment data. The HR&OD team in Oldham have worked tirelessly with the GM Collaboration to get our element of the jobsite live and ensuring minimum disruption for applicants and advertising managers whilst a transition to the new site was in progress.

Climate Change and Green New Deal

The Council has secured £1.3m in grant funding from the Local Net Zero Accelerator programme to establish a Green New Deal Delivery Partnership which will bring together large-scale investment from the commercial sector with Oldham's unique approach to Community Led Energy Planning. A formal tender opportunity will commence later this year for a commercial low carbon infrastructure partner to build a pipeline of low carbon infrastructure projects for the borough. The key project remains the Oldham Low Carbon Heat Network, and the Council has secured around £9m from the Green Heat Network Fund to further develop feasibility and delivery work. The Council held its highly successful inaugural Green Summit focusing on opportunities for businesses to de-carbonise and become more competitive, and the Council continues to progress a range of projects alongside the pivotal OGND Delivery Partnership.

Recommendations: Council is requested to note the report.

Portfolio Report

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Shaid Mushtaq
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

This report provides an update on the main activity since the last Council meeting relating to portfolio responsibilities.

Childrens' Social Care and Early Help are providing support to 4,178 children and young people (12 June 2024). Below are the latest updates from the services.

1. Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Childrens Services (ILACS)

The three-week children's services inspection in May 2024 provided external scrutiny on services for children and young people. The inspection recognised the significant progress and effectiveness of Oldham Children's Services for help and protection, children looked after, care leavers, and impact of leaders. The final report will be published by Ofsted on 12 July 2024. Some of the feedback received from children and young people during the inspection was:

"SWs like her are what kids like me need."

"The level of support is pitched perfectly for my individual needs."

"The stars awards help support and develop my confidence."

2. Childrens Safeguarding

The Duty and Advice service located in the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub continues to receive a high number of contacts, averaging 407, with referrals to children's social care remaining around 22%. The updated operating procedures outline the expectations on partner agencies in relation to the support they offer to children and families prior to making a referring, that are not in relation to safeguarding concerns.

The Complex Safeguarding Hub is supporting 62 young people where there is evidence of sexual or criminal exploitation, of which 21% are diagnosed with additional needs. The team delivers interventions alongside Keeping Our Girls Safe and Catch 22, enabling earlier recognition of sexual exploitation and implementation of preventative work. Training and development across the partnership continues, alongside sessions to students and staff across various schools in Oldham.

The Assessment and Intervention Service are supporting 1,279 children assessed as children in need, 36 children are subject to child protection planning and progression into legal proceedings, and 14 children who have recently become looked after. This is an increase of 80 children since May 24. The Safeguarding and Care Planning Service are supporting 438 children subject to Child Protection Plans, 235 children subject to child in need and 205 Children Looked After.

3. Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership

The partnership met on 15 May and received an independent report on the Strategic Assessment of the Partnership against the new requirements outlined in Working Together 2023. The Neglect subgroup held a workshop with key partners to review progress against the strategy and action plan. All agencies agreed to undertake a mapping exercise and identify key priorities with support from Public Health.

4. Children Looked After (inc fostering and adoption)

There are 603 children in care. There are 305 children in internal foster placements, an increasing number over time. All other internal provision is fully occupied. There has been an increase in the number of children placed in Independent Fostering Agencies (IFAs) and external residential accommodation. The service held its annual celebration of children looked after, the Stars Awards on 23 June, where children's achievements were recognised at a ceremony and fun day.

There are 362 young people aged 16 – 25 eligible for the leaving care offer. 119 of these young people are aged under 18. There are 25 unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people aged under 18 being supported with their Home Office application, and a further 32 young people aged over 18 awaiting final outcome of their asylum application. The service is in touch with all young people, and those in suitable accommodation remains at 98%. We have seen improvements in the number of young people aged 18 and 19 in education, employment, or training. The service is working with a local construction company to develop opportunities for training and qualifications in building work.

5. Children’s Commissioning

Commissioners continue to work with new and existing placement providers based in Oldham to develop and enhance placements for Oldham children and young people in IFAs, residential and semi-independent provision. The offer is being enhanced for young people aged over 18 who are appealing Home Office decisions to remain and are without recourse to public funds during the process. We are exploring a pilot scheme in partnership with local provider, under the Placement Northwest Framework arrangements.

6. Early Help

The number of children open to targeted early help has reduced from to 1,150 since January 2024. Proactive work has led to significant reduction in children being re-referred to early help services and fewer children escalating into children’s social care in the six months following early help involvement. An important development has been a strengthened Early Help team within the MASH. This is helping to ensure that families are directed to the full range of early help support.

Other developments are the start of the improving attendance work with 10 secondary schools, with multi-agency attendance and inclusion meetings now taking place. The Domestic Abuse team have introduced a new model for providing support to victims after high-risk concerns have been addressed to prevent the recurrence or escalation of abuse.

7. Early Years

Delivery of evidence-based training courses has commenced across the Family Hub network including hubs, schools, Failsworth Town Hall, and Oldham Library. Families and professionals now are able to access a wide range of information, practical guidance and videos through the Essential Parent digital library which is on the Family Hub website which is reaching approximately 200-300 users per month.

8. Youth Service

The Youth Service continues to deliver at least 40 sessions per week across the district’s youth work, detached youth work and boroughwide youth work teams as well as supporting our young people to safely attend events across Oldham such as the Whit Friday Band Contest.

The Oldham Children and Young People Participation Framework is now live and offers a comprehensive, consistent approach to how we ensure the voices of children and young people in Oldham are shaping and influencing our work. Members of the Children in Care Council attended a training residential, developing their facilitation skills in preparation for co-delivering Total Respect training for professionals to ensure the voice of young people is embedded in the services they receive.

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) Easter and May holiday activities included the development of a photography programme with the young people holding an exhibition of their work. The service also arranged a football tournament for young people at Boundary Park. The tournament was a fantastic example of cohesion work, bringing young people from a range of Oldham communities together in the spirit of building relationships, friendships, and teamwork.

Recommendations: Council is requested to note the report.

Portfolio Report

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mohon Ali
Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

This report provides an update on the main activity since the last Council meeting relating to portfolio responsibilities.

1. SEND and Inclusion

I am pleased to report that during the recent Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS), Oldham Council's education services were given significant praise. This included the effectiveness of alternative education provision, and oversight of children missing education, those that are electively home educated and those educated other than at school. Additionally, the education provided to children looked after through the Council's virtual school, and the support given to children through our education advisory services, were also identified as strengths.

2. Quality of Education

I can report that for the second time this year, chief executives of multi academy trusts operating in Oldham met with elected members, the Council chief executive and the director of children's services. These meetings signal a real desire across all education partners to work jointly to continue to improve outcomes for our young people. The discussion centered around:

- A joint vision for education in Oldham.
- Approaches to improving attendance.
- Ensuring schools are as inclusive as possible.

Recent Ofsted inspection outcomes have broadly maintained the positive borough trend. In the secondary sector, I was disappointed to see Saddleworth School being graded as Requires Improvement. However, I was reassured to see within the inspection report recognition for the work the leadership team is already doing to make further improvements. I was delighted to see both The Radclyffe School and Crompton House School graded as Good.

In the primary sector, both Christ Church (Denshaw) and Oasis Limeside Academy were graded as Requires Improvement. However, St Hilda's, South Failsworth Community Primary, Beal Vale Primary, Limehurst Community Primary School and Royton Hall Primary School were all graded as Good. Inspection outcomes across Oldham's primary schools are currently at a historic high. Oldham's special schools continue to be a real strength, with Hollinwood Academy maintaining its Outstanding grade and the Springboard Project being graded Good at first inspection.

Attendance

As mentioned above, the Council's work to improve school attendance was recognised by Ofsted during the recent ILACS. Additionally, our innovative methods to analyse school attendance data to enable schools to support families have also been recognised by the Children's Commissioner. Oldham is now leading a piece of work on behalf of the Commissioner across Greater Manchester to share and spread our best practice. I look forward to hosting a visit by the Commissioner to Oldham during the summer.

School Places

Although there has been a slight reduction in first preference rates for secondary school places this year, there has been an increase in the top three preference rate. Both first and top 3 preferences have improved this year for primary school places.

Primary 2024 preference rates:	Secondary 2024 preference rates:
1st preference 94.1% (2023 92.9%)	1st preference 75.7% (2023 80.4 %)
Top 3 preference 98.1% (2023 96.6%)	Top 3 preference 94.5% (2023 94.1%)

Virtual School

There are currently 410 Children Looked After (CLA) in the virtual school. It has been fantastic to see the range of activities the virtual school has arranged for these young people. During May half term holidays, the Virtual School ran two programmes: Year 6 children visited the Anderton Outdoor Activity Centre run by Bolton University and Year 7 children completed 'An Introduction to First Aid' course. All children engaged well, developing new skills, confidence, and new friends.

Music Service

The Youth Brass Band performed at the International Inner Wheel Convention in Manchester's Central Convention Complex on Friday 10 May. The Youth Brass Band were exceptional ambassadors for the borough. The band also performed as part of the Saddleworth Whit Friday band contests on 24 May. They received a warm reception at each of the villages and once again, impressed by all that heard them.

3. Employment and Skills

The Oldham Employment and Skills Board will launch its strategy and delivery plan in July 2024. This work will be reported to the Oldham Economic Board. Additionally, the Atom Valley Innovation Roadmap will be presented at the next Atom Valley Skills Board meeting to support the curriculum development that will drive the inward investment needed to secure advanced manufacturing and materials companies in Oldham.

Empower Oldham is our programme to support young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) to re-engage in activity. I can report that, through this programme, mental health advisors are now in post and will offer packages of support to young people through both online and group work. Additionally, our partners at Job Centre Plus have re-instated a Youth Coach based within the Council's Get Oldham Working service. The Oldham Youth Hub offer continues to co-ordinate and communicate all these support services to young people across Oldham.

Last year our inaugural Oldham careers fair for young people was a huge success. I am proud that Oldham Council will again be working with our partners to run this event in 2024. The provisional date is 24 September 2024, and I am confident that this will again be a great opportunity to showcase the exciting range of career options our young people in Oldham can benefit from.

With regards to adult education more broadly, so far this year Oldham Council's Lifelong Learning Service have enrolled 2,158 residents and have achieved a 99% pass rate. Once again this is an outstanding performance by this service; they continue to provide our residents with a range of opportunities to realise their personal ambitions. I will be celebrating the achievements of our learners at a celebration event on 16 July.

Recommendations: Council is requested to note the report.

Portfolio Report

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Fida Hussain
Cabinet Member for Enterprise

This report provides an update on the main activity since the last Council meeting relating to portfolio responsibilities.

Markets

Monthly stallholder meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month between 5-6pm and are open to all stallholders to attend. Over the last two meetings we have discussed lease terms for the new market to seek views from the stallholders on lease length and breaks. Over the coming year we will be working with the stallholders to promote, raise awareness and ensure we have clear communication for both the existing market offer and the move to the new market.

In May we took part in the National Love Your Local Market campaign, with a combination of free events and music, special offers and video features of the market stallholders. This was well received by the public with activity covering Shaw, Royton and Oldham markets.

Business Engagement

The first town centre meeting is taking place on Wednesday 26 June. These were cancelled in COVID and hadn't been restarted. These are scheduled to take place every two months. Additionally, we have met with the police to re-establish the town centre security meetings which haven't been taking place. The Evening and Night Time Economy task force met for the first time on Monday 17 June to start to shape thinking and agree priorities and actions.

Business Support

The Business Growth Hub are planning a retail support package for Oldham. A meeting is taking place on 25 June with officers, the Growth Hub and the Spindles Centre Manager to discuss how this can best be designed and delivered to ensure it meets the needs of our businesses in this sector across the borough.

Through the UKSPF funding we are currently offering support to businesses across Oldham through: A Business Growth Grant managed by the Business Growth and Investment team of up to £180,000 with a target of 72 enterprises receiving non-financial support and 72 new jobs created.

A start-up grant scheme managed by Oldham Enterprise Trust. A maximum of £40,000 available for business to apply for up to £1000 per business, with a target of achieving 40 new enterprises created and 40 enterprises receiving non-financial support.

The first panel met in June and approved two applications and a further three applications are currently being assessed. There are around 40 expressions of interest being developed into applications currently.

The Hive: Social Enterprise

The Hive is a dedicated space in the Spindles Shopping Centre aimed at support Social Enterprises and early start businesses. The draft lease is being reviewed by legal representatives prior to signing. Final arrangements are being made to install digital connectivity to the space. A phasing plan is being developed around the opening of the space, to cover the move of the tenant's team into the space, go live dates for permanent users, and then go live dates for the membership scheme.

Get Oldham Working Redundancy Support Update – Yodel, GXO, Acorn

The Council has been informed that 4 companies have begun consultation with the intention to close operations, which it is estimated will impact c. 600 employees.

- Yodel Distribution Centre, Shaw – 373 employees (plus agency staff)
- GXO Logistic, Raven Mill, Chadderton – 123 employees (plus agency staff)
- Acorn Care Home, Failsworth – 100+ employees
- Another to be confirmed includes 30+ staff

The Get Oldham Working team have set up a working group with each employer to help secure progression into employment with the aim to reduce levels of unemployment. The primary offer will involve the National Careers Service team, who will then link in with training providers such as Lifelong learning service, Oldham College, Mantra depending on needs of employees.

The team are working with local employers and **have secured c. 500 vacancies in appropriate sectors** including: NHS, Stagecoach, DX delivery service and Danish Crown. Targeted Jobs Fairs will be held at employers' place of business, including 17th June 2-5pm at Yodel, Shaw. 21st June 11am – 4pm at GXO, Raven Mill, Chadderton.

Get Oldham Working Performance

Since being launched in May 2013 the Get Oldham Working team have created 18,685 opportunities of which 14,429 have been filled (10,917 jobs, 1525 apprenticeships, 367 Traineeships and 1667 Work Experience placements) and the team are on track to achieve their annual target of 1250 residents into employment by March 2025.

GOW Restart Contract Extension Cabinet Report 15th July 2024.

On the 15th July, Cabinet will be asked to approve the acceptance of the Restart contract extension. Oldham Council have been offered a further £2.6m for a new contract to continue with Restart from 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2027, to work with approx. 1,000+ Oldham residents with an expectation that at least 455 Oldham residents will secure sustainable employment.

Recommendations: Council is requested to note the report.

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Portfolio Report

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Barbara Brownridge
Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing

This report provides an update on the main activity since the last Council meeting relating to portfolio responsibilities.

Public Health

The Community Health Champions programme has been relaunched. VCFSE organisations in our Community Health Champions network came together in April at All Nations Church. The network is supporting us in ensuring that key health messages are shared in an accessible and culturally appropriate way within communities we know are most impacted by health inequalities. Network members have received training and resources about Measles and MMR, as well as key messages about travel vaccines required to stop the spread of Meningitis. Over the coming year the network will continue to meet to discuss community priorities for their own health and wellbeing, as well as providing information and training about other key public health priorities. The programme is supported by grant investment to support VCFSE organisations capacity to participate in the programme, applications are now open for grants of up to £3,000.

Turning Point, our Specialist Drugs and Alcohol Treatment Provider, has actively been working with those at risk of overdose due to nitazenes/ synthetic opioids and all those in contact with the service have been offered Naloxone. Naloxone, if delivered at the right time, can prevent overdose from opioids. Training also continues to be offered to professionals across all services.

Adult Social Care (ASC)

On the 1st May the Commissioning and Market Management Service received notice that Acorn Lodge Care home had been sold and would be closing with all 70 residents needing new placements sourcing. The notice period required for this provision is 6 months (31st October), however the owners have shared they are keen to expedite the closure of the home to 31st July. Commissioners have made the council's position clear, the home closure will be completed in the safest possible manner, during this time Acorn Lodge are expected to maintain staffing responsibilities of the home (as per CQC regulations) until the last resident is moved into alternative provision. A Steering group has been established with stakeholders including representatives other funding authorities such as Manchester City Council and colleagues from relevant Integrated Care Boards.

The end of a financial year and start of a new one is always a busy period, and one that comes with increased reporting for the many grants receiving into Adult Social Care. This has included end of year reports as well as multiple planning templates for the following grants the Local Authority receives to support recipients of Adult Social Care:

- Better Care Fund
- Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund
- Hospital Discharge Fund

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- Urgent Emergency Care Fund

Many of the funds continue into 2024/25 with planning templates and the regular reporting to departments (NHSE and DHSC) underway. The Commissioning Team lead in coordinating the completion of the reports and planning templates with support from performance, finance and partners from the ICB.

ASC are continuing to work in accordance with Strength Based Approaches (SBA). The directorate has developed a system to monitor good outcomes for residents which are evidenced in data reporting, supported by case audits and resident feedback. The triangulation of this information will support Care Quality Commission assessments.

The ASC restructure is in progress and awaiting review and sign off. Initial discussions have taken place with Union representatives who are supportive of the plans. Further Greater Manchester discussions are taking place regarding the Mental Health transformation program. The proposals support the recruitment and retention of the workforce. Social Work apprenticeships are currently being advertised within service which will support us growing our own workforce and development of career progression from the service.

Oldham Integrated Care Partnership (ICP)

From previous analyses and work, we know that Oldham is experiencing very high demand for its health and care services. This is particularly prominent in acute care and children's services.

Over the last few months, Oldham ICB and Council in collaboration with key stakeholders from across different sectors and care settings has been co-designing population health management approaches for priority population groups in our five neighbourhoods. This will ensure more proactive, early intervention for these groups and a more holistic model of care that meets all of their needs.

These models are focused on keeping people healthier for longer and preventing or delaying their deterioration. Thereby improving outcomes and patient experience, and also helping to reduce the described pressures on services such as acute care by improving management through community services and self-management. These models also help to improve staff experience and reduce duplication across out-of-hospital services by better coordinating and joining up delivery of care.

Central and West have chosen childhood-focused population health management models. The model in Central focuses on children at rising risk of developing health issues through high-risk familial environments, and the model designed by West focuses on children at risk of developing low/mid severity mental health conditions. These models will help delay and even prevent children from developing downstream ongoing health and care needs.

South, North and East have chosen to focus on frailty in adults. South and North are focused on over 65s with mild/moderate frailty, and East have chosen to focus on working age 50-64 year old adults at risk of becoming frail. The over 65s models will prevent or delay adults from deteriorating and becoming high risk, meaning that they need to interact with acute care regularly, likely stay for long periods of time and become more dependent, with poorer quality of life. This also has significant cost-saving opportunity for the healthcare system. Similarly, preventing working-age adults from becoming frail will prevent/delay deterioration in health, keeping them healthy at home for longer, and supporting them to stay in work.

We have entered the delivery phase of the programme, and have focused on setting up the delivery architecture in two 'frontrunner' neighbourhoods – South and Central. This includes establishing the local delivery infrastructure including governance and integrated neighbourhood teams, progressing delivery plans and unpicking issues such as data flows, digital systems for collaboration and KPIs. The learnings from the set up in these two neighbourhoods will be shared with the other three to support implementation.

Recommendations: Council is requested to note the report.

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Portfolio Report

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Chris Goodwin
Cabinet Member for Don't Trash Oldham

This report provides an update on the main activity since the last Council meeting relating to portfolio responsibilities.

Waste Collection Service

The Service continues to collect waste from almost 100,000 residential properties and over 1,900 businesses throughout the borough. Since the last update, the Council teams have:

- Collected an average of 3,000 tonnes of general waste per month
- Collected an average of 775 tonnes of recycling waste per month
- Travelled approximately 120,000 miles to deliver the services

Work also continues to support residents with recycling through the delivery of bins, education, advice and guidance. Since the last update, the teams have:

- Delivered, exchanged and repaired over 7,000 waste bins/containers
- Undertaken 424 bin audits to ensure that the bins are used correctly

Importantly, the Council has focused on ensuring support for residents who need the assisted collections service, teams have also removed contaminated bins across the borough, and where necessary, taken enforcement action against those who fly-tip or fail to dispose their waste or use bins correctly.

Highways & Engineering

With more success in securing external funding to support road maintenance, pot-hole repairs and bridge maintenance being reported to Cabinet next week – some of the main activities underway to ensure Oldham's roads are safe and accessible are:

- Work ongoing at Rock Street Park/cycling and walking scheme - planned completion is in August 2024. This work also includes a section of the town centre park.
- Major works at West Street/Cheapside were completed in May 2024. Planting work is ongoing, and the area is now open for use
- Market St Phase 1 commenced in June 2024 and additional works have now been programmed

The Council is concerned about the recent spate of accidents on the boroughs road, some of which, have, unfortunately, resulted in a loss of life. The Council's Highways team is working closely with Greater Manchester Police and Transport for Greater to understand the cause of the accidents. It does appear that excessive speed and driver behaviour may be responsible for some of the incidents. Once investigations are concluded, Council officers will work with partners to bring about any necessary and recommended safety improvements.

Public Protection, Food Safety & Standards

The food safety team has a duty to inspect all food businesses in the borough and to ensure that they comply with legal requirements. Officers also investigate food poisoning outbreaks and respond to national food safety alerts to ensure unsafe foods are not sold to residents in the borough. As part of the inspection, the team issue a food hygiene rating, so residents are better informed about the level of compliance at the business. Where the business fails to meet standards, the inspecting officer will use a range of legal options to secure compliance, and safeguard public health.

Over the past 12 months, the team have completed 765 food hygiene inspections. In order to support businesses, the team will also undertake revisits to improve food hygiene scores so businesses can trade through online platforms. There are currently almost 1,400 businesses rated 5 and an overall compliance rate of 93% for all businesses.

Public Protection, Trading Standards

The Trading Standards team's role is to promote a fair, healthy and safe trading environment by ensuring compliance with regulatory legislation, protecting consumers and supporting local businesses. Trading Standards has a statutory responsibility to enforce a range of legislation aimed at protecting consumers, particularly the most vulnerable and preventing businesses from engaging in unfair, illegal or unsafe practices

The team also leads on consumer protection, particularly with respect to illegal tobacco/Vapes and the sale of alcohol and tobacco products to those underage – a major national public health priority. Over the last 12 months, during inspections and visits to premises, the team seized over 60,000 illegal cigarettes and almost 8,000 illegal vapes. Intelligence led operations continue to address this major risk to public health.

Recommendations: Council is requested to note the report.

Portfolio Report

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Dean
Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities and Culture

This report provides an update on the main activity since the last Council meeting relating to portfolio responsibilities.

Stronger Communities

Prevent - The council has a critical role to play in countering terrorism at a local level and ensuring that people who are susceptible to radicalisation are supported. In March 2024, the Council participated in the Home Office's annual Prevent Assurance Review process which enabled the Council to undertake a self-assessment of delivery against the statutory Prevent Duty. The outcome was positive, showing compliance.

Hate Crime- In February 2024, groups from the voluntary, community and faith sector were awarded funding to raise awareness of hate crime and encourage reporting as part of the Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness week. Communities Inc, a creative and innovative social enterprise, have been commissioned to deliver Bystander Intervention training, titled 'Stand by Me' to frontline staff from the Council, voluntary, community and faith sector and Greater Manchester Police.

Community Safety Services

The borough's Violence Reduction Strategy was published at the end of February and work has commenced on the associated action plan, with partners from the statutory and the VCSFE working together. There is a significant amount of work ongoing already which is being mapped to identify both areas of strength and those for development.

Partnership problem-solving continues in the Place areas with civil tools and powers being used. As an example, in May, the Council secured a 3-month Closure Order to protect residents, many of whom were identified as vulnerable. The Team worked closely with the Police and a housing provider to close a residential premise which were being used by the tenant and his visitors for criminality, causing residents to fear for their safety. The closure provided immediate respite for the community and residents have responded very positively to this action. Work is ongoing with the housing provider to ensure tenancy enforcement powers are used in parallel to the action by the Council.

Recently the Team also secured 3 Criminal Behaviour Orders against 3 offenders who had worked together to commit violent robberies, including on the tram network. Individuals are now prohibited from associating with each other in any place to which the public has access for a 5-year period.

District Working and Place-Based Integration

Following the official launch of our partnership support offer in February, we are now seeking to continue to develop and grow this offer, to ensure that people can access the help that they need, closer to home. The next major milestone in this work will be the opening of Royton Town Hall, later this year, which will bring an improved offer for residents in the North of the Borough, as well as providing a new space for partners working in Royton, Shaw and Crompton to collaborate and problem-solve local issues.

Our programme of Community Councils, bringing together Members and key partners working in each District, will begin again in July. Over the course of the first two rounds of meetings this year, each Community Council will be asked to develop an action plan against their key objectives. To help inform this, the District Teams will be arranging a quarterly partnership marketplace event in each District. These events will give the opportunity for residents to attend to speak to Elected

Members, Council services, partner organisations and local community groups, in order to raise issues and find out about what's happening in their area.

Heritage, Libraries and Arts

The team successfully delivered **Festival Oldham** on Sat 1st June. Over 6,000 people attended the festival. **Ocean Drifters** launched on the 25th of May– this will run until 7th September 2024. **Oldham Theatre Workshop** are working on two new partnership projects: '**Viewpoint**' which focuses on reducing youth violence using 3d photographic modelling and '**Credible Witnesses**' which aims to understand how life performance enhances young people's capacity to speak out about their experience of testimonial injustice and how these modes of performance can encourage more critical and reflexive responses in those who listen to young people.

Exhibition: One Seven Five: An Incomplete History of Oldham in 175 objects opened to the public on **Sat 15th June**. As part of the exhibition and to celebrate, a variety of today's Oldhamers have selected objects which tell fascinating stories about our area through the years.

Sport and Leisure

The Tour of Britain Women's 2024 on the 9th of June saw the world's top female riders and teams go head-to-head across four tough stages of racing, in what was the first major international stage race delivered by British Cycling Events. The Greater Manchester anticlockwise route crossed the Ashton Canal, heading northeast to Oldham shortly before riders faced the first Queen of the Mountains (QOM) segment of the day at Grain Bar. The rolling route also took in the areas of Failsworth, Hathershaw, Oldham Town Centre, Clarksfield, Lees, Springhead, Grotton, Grasscroft, Uppermill, Dobcross, Delph, Shaw and Higher Crompton before leaving Oldham at the Rochdale border. The Council activated our borough so that residents, community groups, sports clubs, faith establishments and businesses along the route were aware of this prestigious event and informed of timing, any temporary parking restrictions & rolling roadblocks. The event was featured in TV coverage via a YouTube live stream of the event and a highlights programme later that evening on ITV4.

Last year, Oldham Councils Active Through Football took a team of refugees from our weekly Thursday football project to the Greater Manchester Refugee World Cup. Without losing a game, they won the tournament beating 16 teams in the process.

Working in partnership with Manchester F.A, Nike, Oldham Athletic Community Trust and Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Oldham. Through community engagement with the residents about what they would like to see in their area, a women's only football project was established. This has been recognised by Nike who want to create a video demonstrating the work that is going on. This was chosen out of all their projects that they currently run nationwide.

Customer Services

Preparation is underway to deliver the council's new Customer Service Centre in July. Located in Spindles, the new space will replace Access Oldham at the Civic Centre. The support and services available have also been reviewed with the new site becoming the main access point for Central Oldham. A communications plan is in place to ensure awareness of the new location and offer. An automated switchboard was launched in May. Over 80% of calls received via the switchboard are now handled by the self-service solution with staff on hand to support residents who prefer or need to speak to a member of the team. This change is supporting capacity to be diverted to other service lines.

Recommendations: Council is requested to note the report.



COUNCIL

Update on Actions from Council

Portfolio Holder: Various

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10th July 2024

Reason for Decision

The decision is for Members to note the updates on actions from the previous Council meeting held on 13th March 2024 and the Annual Council meeting held on 22nd May 2024 and any updated responses from meetings earlier in the 2023/24 municipal year.

Executive Summary

This report provides information to the Council on actions taken at the most recent Council meetings.

Recommendations

Council is asked to:

1. Note the report.

Update on Actions from Council

1 Background

- 1.1 This report sets out the actions that officers have taken on motions approved at the 13th March 2024 Council meeting and informs Members on any updated responses to motions approved at previous meetings in this municipal year.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 The current position on actions is set out in the table at Appendix 1.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 N/A

4 Preferred Option

- 4.1 N/A

5 Consultation

- 5.1 N/A

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 N/A

7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 N/A

8 Oldham Equality Impact, including Implications for Children and Young People

- 8.1 N/A

9 Key Decision

- 9.1 No

10 Key Decision Reference

- 10.1 N/A

11 Background Papers

11.1 The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act:

- The agenda and minutes of the Council meetings held on 13th March 2024 are available online at:
<http://committees.oldham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails>

12 **Appendices**

- 12.1 Appendix 1 – Current Position.
Appendices 2 and 3 – Replies from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.
Appendices 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 – Appointments of Outside Bodies 2024/25

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Actions from Council -22nd May 2024

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE
Appointment to Outside Bodies 2024/25	Chief Executive	Yes	Appendices 4 – 9 of this report

Actions from Council -13th March 2024

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE
<p>Labour Motion 1(as amended): This Council calls for a lasting peace in Palestine and Israel</p> <p>RESOLVED: This Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Condemns the terror attacks carried out by Hamas on 7th October 2023 and the taking of hostages. 2. Condemns the scale of the Israeli military actions in Gaza where they have targeted civilian infrastructure, and not adhered to international law by making a clear distinction between military and civilian targets; and for imposing a total siege on the civilian population Gaza denying them adequate supplies of food, water, medicines and power. 3. Reiterates calls for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire, observed by all sides, to allow urgent aid into Gaza, and secure the release of hostages and detainees. 	Chief Executive	Ongoing	Ongoing

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<p>4. Urges all international powers to work together to establish a diplomatic process to deliver the peace of a two-state solution, the creation of a viable Palestinian state, the two states living side by side in peace and security.</p> <p>5. Recognises that a Palestinian state is key to lasting peace in the region, and that statehood is the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and not in the gift of any neighbour.</p> <p>6. Resolves to support the Oldham Interfaith Forum and Community Safety Partnership to combat any incidents of Islamophobia and antisemitism in Oldham.</p> <p>7. Supports diplomatic efforts to ensure rapid and unimpeded humanitarian relief is provided in Gaza.</p> <p>8. Regrets that previous attempts to pass a ceasefire resolution at the UN Security Council have failed.</p> <p>9. Believes an Israeli ground offensive in Rafah risks catastrophic humanitarian consequences and must not take place.</p>			
<p>Liberal Democrat Motion 1 (as amended)</p> <p>Save Oldham Coliseum Theatre</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That Council resolves to examine the feasibility of refurbishing and investing into the Fairbottom Street building alongside the current option to create a long-term home for a producing theatre in the Borough.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>2. That officers continue to Explore funding streams that could help finance the redevelopment of the existing venue, including the reallocation of funds from other initiatives linked with the future of Oldham Coliseum.</p> <p>3. That a report be brought to a future meeting of the Cabinet, as soon as possible, outlining the steps that this Council is taking to support the Oldham Coliseum Theatre to retain a producing theatre in the borough including the potential option to remain at home, on Fairbottom Street, which would also help regenerate that part of Oldham town centre and Yorkshire Street.</p>			
<p>Oldham Group Motion 3 (as amended):</p> <p>The Conflict in Gaza</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That the Chief Executive, be instructed to write to the Prime Minister reiterating the United Kingdom's commitment to adhering to the Geneva Convention and International law and request that His Majesty's Government communicate this with all.</p> <p>2. That the Chief Executive be instructed to write to the Secretary General of the United Nations informing him that the citizens of Oldham stand alongside millions from across the world and support the United Nations demands for an immediate ceasefire and for Humanitarian aid to be provided to all those in need in the affected area of Gaza.</p> <p>3. That the Chief Executive be instructed to write to the Foreign Secretary and the Shadow Foreign Secretary requesting that our government and a future Labour Government does everything</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>15th March 2024 Letters sent as per Resolution.</p>	<p>Response letter from Lord Tariq Ahmed, Minister of State for Middle East attached at Appendix 2. Response Letter from Ministerial and Treat Official Correspondence Team Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office attached at Appendix 3</p>

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possible to help bring the governments of Israel and Palestine together to resolve the issue and create a two-state solution so that innocent lives are no longer at risk.			
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13th December 2023 Meeting

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE
<p>Youth Council Motion: Unused Stationery Within the Council and its Partners</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That the Chief Executive be requested to write to all department heads asking that teams look at current stocks of pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, rubbers, rulers and calculators (including badged merchandise), and any items not required for the running of that department, to be donated and used to create packs that can be distributed to students most in need.</p> <p>2. That the Chief Executive be requested to write to partners (including Miocare, Greater Manchester Police, NHS, Action Together, positive steps, OCL, and Greater Manchester fire service) asking that they also donate any unused stationery.</p> <p>3. That the Council work with Oldham Youth Council to create packs containing essential stationery items and help us distribute them to schools.</p>	Chief Executive	Letters forwarded to council's partner agencies including - Miocare, Greater Manchester Police, NHS, Action Together, positive steps, OCL, and Greater Manchester Fire Service)	Ongoing.

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<p>Liberal Democrat Motion (as amended) 20 is Plenty</p> <p>RESOLVED: Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish an all-group working party to seek to implement a Council-wide 20mph speed limit on residential roads as soon as practical subject to consultation and cost analysis. This should include identifying roads where the lower speed limit may not be appropriate and exploring enforcement measures such as average speed cameras, in locations determined by TfGM criteria and current national guidelines, and Community Speedwatch initiatives. 2. That the all-group working party works with all other Councils in the region that haven't already implemented 20mph speed limits as the default in their authority area as part of the GM wide Vision Zero. 	<p>Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive (Place)</p>	<p>To establish an All-party Highways Group</p>	<p>Meetings of the Working Party commenced in April 2024</p>
<p>Conservative Motion: Community First Aid</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council commits to support the vision for Community First Aid by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raising awareness of the importance of learning First Aid by sending a delegation of senior Elected Members and Officers of the Council to visit our local St. John's Ambulance Unit(s) and supporting/promoting the vision across social media and the local printed media platforms; particularly emphasising that anybody in Oldham can access free First Aid training by SJA. 2. Recognising voluntary sector organisations such as St. John's Ambulance within local resilience arrangements to support emergency preparedness and crisis response by commissioning the Chief Executive Officer and Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care to survey and utilise the skills of Oldham's local and 	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Letter sent to the Prime Minister calling on the Government to introduce legislation to enable volunteers of all ages to deploy at times of national and local emergency</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>

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<p>voluntary sector to support community response to local emergencies as recommended by the NHS Volunteering Taskforce. This can be done through supporting voluntary sector representation on local resilience forms and inclusion within emergency preparedness, resilience, and response exercises at local level.</p> <p>3. Engaging with auxiliary partners to utilise the potential of volunteers to respond to community health emergencies, improve patient outcomes and reduce NHS pressures; working with the voluntary sector to strengthen first aid resilience by empowering communities through access to first aid training and equipment to improve health outcomes and help save lives.</p> <p>4. Empowering young people to strengthen community resilience by supporting the expansion of St. John’s Ambulance NHS Cadets and Young Responder programmes.</p> <p>5. Advocating for a Statutory Right to Volunteer by writing to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom calling on the Government to introduce legislation to enable volunteers of all ages to deploy at times of national and local emergency. An effective system would enable volunteers to request a set period of leave to deploy at times of crisis.</p> <p>6. Requesting the Leader of the Council, as the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Member for Equalities & Communities, to circulate this to her colleagues at GMCA so that they may seek to commit to these actions in their Local Authorities too.</p>			
<p>Failsworth Independent Party Motion (as amended): The Protection and Safeguarding of Children RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Council continues to facilitate relevant sessions across the Borough. 2. That the Council continues to bring together all departments within the Council and work with other external bodies to 	<p>Managing Director (Children’s Services)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>deliver specific sessions on CSE and grooming.</p> <p>3. That the Council continues to create age-appropriate materials and sessions that are made available to all schools in Oldham, both Primary and Secondary.</p>			
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19 April 2024

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Dear Harry,

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 March to the Foreign Secretary about the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. I am replying as the Minister of State for the Middle East.

Israel suffered the worst terror attack in its history at the hands of Hamas and Palestinian civilians are facing a devastating and growing humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza. We want to see an immediate end to the fighting in Gaza to get aid in and hostages out, then progress towards a sustainable, permanent ceasefire, without a return to destruction, fighting and loss of life. On 25 March, the international community took a significant step towards achieving that. We welcome United Nations Security Council resolution 2728, which reflected widespread international support for Britain's position and considerable efforts by our diplomats to secure a consensus.

All parties must act within International Humanitarian Law (IHL), which is why we continue to call for IHL to be respected and civilians to be protected. A shocking number of civilians have been killed and we want to see Israel protecting civilians and their property. Israel is the occupying power in Gaza, it is responsible and that has consequences, including when we look at if Israel is compliant with IHL, which is why we keep advice on Israel's adherence to IHL under review. We continue to have grave concerns around humanitarian relief in Gaza but have also seen a welcome public commitment from Israel to 'flood' Gaza with aid – this must be turned into a reality. This is not happening. We need an immediate stop in fighting to allow humanitarian actors and Palestinians in Gaza to operate and move safely and enable all hostages to be released. We have set out very clearly five steps that Israel needs to take, including: An immediate stop in fighting to get

more aid in and the hostages out; increased capacity inside Gaza to fully enable the UN's operating requirements; increased access for aid through land routes and to fully open Ashdod Port; an expansion of the types of aid allowed into Gaza; and, the provision of electricity, water and telecommunications, to both the north and the south of Gaza.

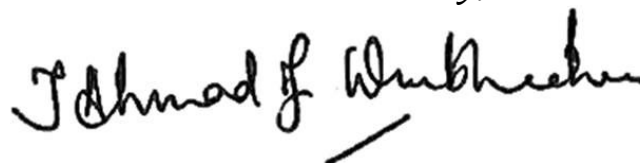
Palestinians are facing a devastating and growing humanitarian catastrophe. The UK is playing a key role in alleviating that suffering. For example, we trebled our aid commitment this financial year and we are doing everything we can to get more aid in as quickly as possible by land, sea and air. On 25 March, the Royal Air Force airdropped 10 tonnes of food aid – including water, rice and baby food – directly to civilians in Gaza. 150 further tonnes of UK aid arrived in Gaza on 13 March, including 840 family tents, 13,440 blankets, almost 3,000 shelter kits, and shelter-fixing kits, 6,000 sleeping mats and more than 3,000 dignity kits. A field hospital, provided by UK Aid funding to UK-Med, has arrived in Gaza. This facility, staffed by UK and local medics, is treating over 100 patients a day, ensuring those with health issues have access to vital aid. The Foreign Secretary's Representative for Humanitarian Affairs in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Mark Bryson-Richardson, is also working intensively to address the blockages preventing more aid reaching Gaza.

The recent news that three British Nationals were amongst the aid workers killed in an airstrike on World Central Kitchen's humanitarian efforts in Gaza was shocking and unacceptable. We are providing support for their families and the Foreign Secretary has spoken with his Israeli counterpart to underline that the deaths of these aid workers is completely unacceptable. Israel must provide a full, transparent explanation of what happened and make major changes to ensure the safety of aid workers on the ground. As the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary have both said, we have grave and serious concerns about the prospect of a military offensive in Rafah where over half of Gaza's population are sheltering in the area, and the Rafah crossing is vital to ensure aid can reach the people who so desperately need it. We urge Israel to stop and think very seriously before it takes any further action, as it will have dire humanitarian consequences.

Five vital elements are required for a lasting peace: the release of all hostages; the formation of a new Palestinian Government for the West Bank and Gaza, accompanied by an international support package; removing Hamas's capacity to launch attacks against Israel; Hamas no longer being in charge of Gaza; and a political horizon which provides a credible and irreversible pathway towards a two-state solution, of Israel and Palestine living in peace and security.

The Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and I have reiterated these messages in contacts with Prime Minister Netanyahu and other senior Israeli political leaders, as well as leaders in Qatar, Jordan, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Egypt and UAE in recent weeks. Throughout these discussions, as I have outlined, the immediate priority must be a stop in the fighting, which is the best route to secure the safe release of hostages and significantly step up the aid reaching Gaza. We want to see this cessation lead to a sustainable ceasefire without a return to further fighting and that remains the primary focus of all our diplomatic efforts.

Yours sincerely,



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8 April 2024

Dear Harry Catherall,

Thank you for your correspondence about Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs). The Parliamentary Correspondence Team in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) has been asked to reply. We have set out in this letter the UK's policy response to a range of linked issues and hope you will find this information helpful in understanding how the FCDO is seeking to influence positively the situation in the OPTs.

Israel has suffered the worst terror attack in its history at the hands of Hamas and Palestinian civilians are facing a devastating and growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The UK wants to see an immediate end to the fighting in Gaza, to get aid in and hostages out, then progress towards a sustainable, permanent ceasefire, without a return to destruction, fighting and loss of life.

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There must be a reduction in civilian casualties. All parties must act within International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Israel must take greater care to limit its operations to military targets and avoid harming civilians and destroying homes. Israel must also obey IHL; not only does that involve what the IDF does in terms of the way it prosecutes this war but, as the occupying power in Gaza, it has to make sure that humanitarian aid - food, water and shelter - is available. The FCDO regularly reviews advice about Israel's capability and commitment to IHL and we act in accordance with that advice, for example, when considering export licences.

On 26 January, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) delivered its decision on the

provisional measures requested by South Africa in their case against Israel regarding alleged violations of the 1948 Genocide Convention. His Majesty's Government respects the role and independence of the ICJ, however, has considerable concerns about this case, which is not helpful in the goal of achieving a sustainable ceasefire. Israel has the right to defend itself against Hamas in line with IHL, as UK ministers have said from the outset. The Court's call for the immediate release of hostages and the need to get more aid into Gaza is a position we have long advocated.

We need a humanitarian pause now to allow humanitarian actors and Gazans to operate and move safely, and enable hostages to be released. We have set out very clearly five actions that Israel needs to take, including: an immediate humanitarian pause to get more aid in and the hostages out; increased capacity inside Gaza to fully enable the UN's operating requirements; increased access for aid through land routes and to fully open Ashdod Port; an expansion of the types of aid allowed into Gaza; and, the provision of electricity, water and telecommunications, to both the north and the south of Gaza.

The UK is playing a leadership role in alleviating the suffering of the Palestinian people. For example, we trebled our aid commitment this financial year and we are doing everything we can to get more aid in as quickly as possible by land, sea and air. On 25 March, the Royal Air Force airdropped 10 tonnes of food aid directly to civilians in Gaza. 150 further tonnes of UK aid arrived in Gaza on 13 March. The Foreign Secretary's Representative for Humanitarian Affairs in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Mark Bryson-Richardson, is also working intensively to address the blockages preventing more aid reaching Gaza.

The recent news that three British Nationals were amongst the aid workers killed in an airstrike on World Central Kitchen's humanitarian efforts in Gaza is deeply distressing. We are providing support for their families and the Foreign Secretary has spoken with his Israeli counterpart to underline that the deaths of these aid workers is completely unacceptable. Israel must provide a full, transparent explanation of what happened and make major changes to ensure the safety of aid workers on the ground.

We are appalled by allegations that United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) staff were involved in the 7 October attack against Israel, a heinous act of terrorism that the UK Government has repeatedly condemned. We remain committed to getting humanitarian aid to the people in Gaza who desperately need it, including through other UN agencies and British charities. Our decision to pause funding to UNRWA has had no impact on the UK's contribution to the humanitarian response.

As the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary have both said, we are deeply concerned about the prospect of a military offensive in Rafah where over half of Gaza's population are sheltering in the area, and the Rafah crossing is vital to ensure aid can reach the people who so desperately need it. We urge Israel to stop and think very seriously before it takes any further action.

We regularly review advice about Israel's compliance with IHL through continuous assessments supported by a detailed evidence base, including analysis of the conflict and reporting from NGOs, international bodies and partner countries, statements and reports by the Israeli Government and military representatives. We act consistently with advice on

these assessments, for example when considering export licences. We can and do respond quickly and flexibly to changing international circumstances. All licences are kept under careful review, and we are able to amend, suspend, refuse or revoke licences, as circumstances require.

The Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and Lord Ahmad, Minister of State for the Middle East, have reiterated these messages in contacts with Prime Minister Netanyahu and other senior Israeli political leaders, as well as through extensive programmes of visits to meet with leaders in Qatar, Jordan, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Egypt and UAE in recent weeks. Throughout these discussions, the immediate priority been a humanitarian pause in the fighting, which is the best route to secure the safe release of hostages and significantly step up the aid reaching Gaza. On 25 March, the international community took a significant step towards achieving that with United Nations Security Council resolution 2728, which reflected widespread international support for Britain's position and considerable efforts by our diplomats to secure a consensus.

We want that pause to lead to a sustainable ceasefire without a return to further fighting and that remains the focus of all our diplomatic efforts.

Yours sincerely,

**Ministerial and Treat Official Correspondence Team
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

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OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – 2024/25****EXTERNAL AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR****RA – Ruling Administration****OPP – Opposition**

LGA General Assembly – 4 places Contact: Fatima de Abreu OR Frances Marshall Tel: 0207 664 3136 Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ fatima.deabreu@local.gov.uk			
Shah			Notes
Taylor			
Jabbar			
Sykes			
Purpose The General Assembly acts as the 'parliament' of local government, with all authorities in LGA membership entitled to have a minimum of one representative.			
Benefits to Council Benefits include - on the election of LGA Chair, Vice-chairs and Deputy Chairs, and on questions of estimated expenditure and subscriptions under Article 6.2.1 of the Constitution, each corporate member is entitled to one vote. On issues of direct relevance to their statutory duties and responsibilities, Corporate authorities are entitled to votes on the basis of population bands.			
Commitment It meets each summer at the LGA's Annual Conference at various locations around the UK.			
Attendance – Requirement			

LGA Executive – 1 place Contact: Paul Goodchild Tel: 0207 664 3005 Local Government House, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ paul.goodchild@local.gov.uk			
			Notes
Shah			Appointment made by the LGA Political Group Offices in summer. No need to make nomination at this time

<p>Purpose The Local Government Association (LGA) Executive plays a coordinating role, providing strategic direction to the association's work through the business planning process. It is advised by the LGA Leadership Board and holds the Programme Boards to account.</p>
<p>Benefits to Council The LGA Executive is made up of both voting and non-voting members, with the meeting being chaired by the LGA Chairman</p>
<p>Commitment The Executive meets 7 times a year in London (usually at Local Government House).</p>
<p>Attendance – Requirement</p>

<p>MAHDLO – 1 place 1 RA Contact: Lucy Lees, Tel: 0161 624 0111 Egerton Street, Oldham, OL1 3SE lucy.lees@mahdloyz.org</p>			
			Notes
Harrison			
<p>Purpose Mahdlo is Oldham's primary agency for delivering the Universal youth work service.</p>			
<p>Benefits to Council</p>			
<p>Commitment Board of trustees meets bi-monthly for two hours and there are a number of fundraising and marketing events which Trustees attend when possible. (Meetings can be attended remotely)The meetings are attended by a Council senior officer in an advisory role.</p>			
<p>Financial Commitment (if any) The council provide £300k of funding (2021/2022 to be reduced to £200K from 2022/2023) which is matched by £1million of private and other investment.</p>			
<p>Attendance – Requirement/Optional</p>			

<p>North West Employers Organisation – 1 place 1 RA + 1 Sub Contact: Sarah Hargreaves Tel: 0161 214 7127 Suite 3.3, ICE Building 3, Exchange Quay, Salford Quays, Greater Manchester, M5 3ED sarahh@nwemployers.org.uk</p>			
			Notes
Jabbar			Sub cannot attend Committee meetings
(S)Hussain, F			

Commitment

One AGM and four quarterly meetings.

Oldham Athletic Community Trust – 1 Place 1 RA

Contact: Martin Vose, Trust Manager, Tel: 0161 785 5176
 Chair Boundary Park, Furtherwood Road Oldham OL1 2PA
enquiries@oldhamathletic.co.uk

Dean**Notes****Purpose****Purpose**

Using the power of football Oldham Athletic Community Trust (OACT), works in partnership with its local community to provide positive opportunities through sport, inspire and reward our local community.

About Oldham Athletic Community Trust

Oldham Athletic Community Trust is a charitable organisation (charity number 1120894).

Vision & Purpose of OACT

Using the power of football Oldham Athletic Community Trust (OACT) works in partnership with its local community to provide positive opportunities through sport, inspire and reward our local community.

Our Commitment

To be professional, dedicated and inclusive in everything that we deliver. We will work to develop a fit for purpose governance structure with an empowered team committed to meeting the needs of those within Oldham.

Our Aims & Aspirations

- To maintain Oldham Athletic Football Club at the heart of its community and increase opportunities for young people and families to be involved with Oldham Athletic.
- Promote social responsibility and encourage positive relationships amongst communities through sport.
- To work with the local communities to maximise the use of facilities and provide meaningful sports opportunities for young people to enhance their communities.
- Raise the aspirations of young people through football and education.
- To be a sustainable, well-managed and forward-thinking organisation.

Commitment

Every quarter unless there is the need for an emergency board meeting

Attendance –

Oldham Citizen's Advice Bureau – 1 place RA, Contact: Jonathon Yates, CAB Manager, Tel: 07968365905 1-2 Ascroft Court Peter St Oldham OL1 1HP jonathan.yates@casort.org			
			Notes
Goodwin			

Oldham Credit Union – 2 Places 1 RA + 1 Opp Contact: Tel: 0161 678 7245 9 Albion Street Oldham OL1 3BG enquiry@oldhamcreditunion.co.uk			
			Notes
Shuttleworth			
Marland			

Oldham Henshaw and Church of England Education Trust – 1 place (External Appointments) - 3 yr term of office Ian Tomkin, Secretary Tel: 0161 828 1437 Helen Tyler Tel: 0161 828 1436 Manchester Diocesan Board of Education, 4 th Floor, Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH iantomkin@manchester.anglican.org			
			Notes
Moores			
Purpose The official objective of the Henshaw Trust is 'The aim is the promotion of God's Kingdom through provision of schools where faith and worship of C of E can be taught and practised and the children brought to Confirmation and worshipping members of the church.' This has been looked at in other way in recent year as two of the trusts schools are 100% Muslim			
Benefits to Council Helps the Council keep up to date with the nine Trust schools.			
Commitment Meets 2 or 3 times a year (Usually March, July and September), at 19:00 at one of the trust schools.			
Attendance – Requirement - the Council have a place on the Trust and are expected to attend the meeting			

Oldham Hulme Grammar Schools– 2 places (External appointments) 3 yr term of office Contact: Kath Shaw, Tel: 0161 630 6169 School Bursar, The Hulme Grammar Schools, Oldham OL8 4BX finance@ohgcc.co.uk			
			Notes

Chauhan			
J Sutcliffe (has been an Elected Governor since 2016)			
Purpose To advance the education of children and young people by the provision of schools in or near Oldham and by ancillary or incidental educational activities and other associated activities for the benefit of the community			
Benefits to Council We believe that the Council would benefit by being seen to support a high quality educational establishment.			
Commitment The Governing body holds formal Board meetings 3 times a year (December, March and June) together with an annual training and strategy discussion day in September. The Board has a number of sub committees and if an appointed representative wish to serve on one this would of course increase the commitment.			
Financial Commitment (if any) None			
Attendance – Optional			

Oldham Play Action Group – 1 place RA Contact: Ms S Gill, Co-ordinator, Tel: 0161 678 9662 Oldham Play Action Group, Greenacres Community Centre, Greenacres, Oldham OL4 3EU playactiongroup@hotmail.com			
			Notes
McLaren			
Purpose Oldham Play Action Group is a registered charity working across the borough to extend and enhance the quantity and quality of play and free-time activities for children and families. OPAG delivers junior youth clubs, play and arts sessions, consultation, training and community celebration events. OPAG also operates a small play resource store and is based at Greenacres Community Centre			
Benefits to Council OPAGs work has and continues to contribute substantially to Oldham Council's Children and Young People's offer.			
Commitment OPAG Management Committee meets bi-monthly, usually on a Tuesday or Thursday morning. Meetings tend to last approximately 1.5 hours. Meetings take place at Greenacres Community Centre, Galland Street, Greenacres, Oldham, OL4 3EU.			
Financial Commitment (if any)			

None
Attendance – Optional

Oldham United Charity – 4 Nominations (5 year Terms of Office due to end 2021) + Mayor (Ex-Officio)
 Contact: Phil Higgins phil.higgins11@gmail.com

Mrs C Ball	(The Mayor (Cllr Chauhan) - ex-officio)		
Mr Mather			

Parking Traffic Regulations Outside London (Patrol) Adjudication Joint Committee
And as your authority operates civil bus lane enforcement also Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee (BLASJC)

Councillor nomination to both Joint Committees is mandatory. A named substitution is desirable.

Contact: Andy Diamond Tel: 01625 445565 adiamond@patrol-uk.info

PATROL / BLASJC
Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Joint Committee, PO
 Box 471, Merlin House, 8 Grove Avenue, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 0HJ

			Notes
Goodwin			
(S) Davis			

Purpose
 Local Authorities who undertake civil parking or bus lane enforcement are required by statute to make provision for independent adjudication. Over 300 Local Authorities in England and Wales are members of the PATROL Joint Committee to exercise this function jointly and over 50 are members of the BLASJC.
 The function of the Joint Committee is to provide resources to support independent Adjudicators and their staff who together compose the Traffic Penalty Tribunal. The Joint Committee also promotes good practice in public information on parking enforcement.

Benefits to Council
 Membership to the JCs means Oldham MBC can operate Civil Parking and Bus Lane Enforcement.

Commitment
 Meetings take place 3 times a year (January, June and October) in Westminster or virtually depending on national restrictions

Financial Commitment

Oldham MBC pay £0.30p per PCN issued to PATROL to allow access to independent adjudication for the general public (Traffic Penalty Tribunal)

Attendance – Requirement Cllr Peter Davis attended / participated in all required meetings between 2020 -2021

Peak District National Park Authority – 1 place RA			
Contact: Jason Spencer, Corporate & Member Services Manager Tel: 01629 816352 Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AE Ruth.Crowder@peakdistrict.gov.uk			
			Notes
Rustidge			
Purpose The National Park Authority is the local planning authority for the area within the National Park boundary. It has a statutory obligation to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of its special qualities by the public. Where these purposes conflict, we must give priority to conservation. In carrying out these aims, we are also required to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the Park.			
Benefits to Council Constituent councils benefit from being included in the Authority's decision making on issues and matters that affect the areas of their council situated within the National Park, for example planning applications and transport infrastructure. They also gain from the partnership working opportunities available through the Authority.			
Commitment The Authority meets 6 times per year and there are 2 committees, Planning and Audit, Resources and Performance. Committee meetings take place on Fridays and normally start at 10am.			
Attendance – Requirement			

Pennine Care NHS Trust – (Mental Health) Council of Governors – 1 place RA			
Contact: Lisa Howarth, Corporate Governance Officer Tel: 0161 716 3960 Pennine Care Trust Headquarters, 225 Old Street, Ashton under Lyne OL6 7SR. lisa.howarth@nhs.net			
			Notes
Brownridge			
Purpose Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust provides mental health and learning disabilities services for children and adults in Oldham.			
Benefits to Council			

The Council of Governors is responsible for representing the interests of Trust members and partner organisations
 The Council of Governors holds the Board of Directors collectively to account for the performance of the Trust
 Governors are responsible for feeding back information about the Trust, its vision and its performance to the constituencies and the stakeholder organisations that either elect them or appointed them

Commitment

The nominated representative is required to attend a minimum of four quarterly meetings of the Council of Governors, each meeting is scheduled for 2½ hours with an additional pre-meeting for all public, staff and appointed governors. In addition, governors are also required to attend the Annual General Meeting, mandatory development sessions and where possible the quarterly Local Constituency Meetings.

Financial Commitment (if any)

None

Attendance – Requirement

It would be useful for the representative governor to have a local knowledge of health issues within the constituency in which they represent, however it is important to note the Trust’s constitution does not allow for an individual to fulfil both roles of a Governor and member of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation - Council of Governors – 1 place RA

Contact: Corporate Governance Officer, Mayo Building, Salford Royal Hospital, Stott Lane, Salford, M6 8HD
membership@nca.nhs.uk

Lab			Notes
Brownridge			

Purpose

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addition, governors are also required to attend the Annual General Meeting, mandatory development sessions and where possible the quarterly Local Constituency Meetings.

Financial Commitment (if any)

None

Attendance – Requirement

It would be useful for the representative governor to have a local knowledge of health issues within the constituency in which they represent, however it is important to note the Trust’s constitution does not allow for an individual to fulfil both roles of a Governor and member of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Southern Pennine Rural Regeneration Company (formerly Pennine Prospects) - 1 Place RA

Contact: Sarah Ross, Office and Business Manager, Butlers Wharf, Hebden Bridge West Yorkshire HX78AF West Yorkshire Tel: 0161 624 4497

emily.stevenson@southpeninepark.org

			Notes
Jabbar			Cab Mem preferred

Purpose

It is a unique rural regeneration company that aims to promote, protect and enhance the built, natural and cultural heritage of the South Pennines. Pennine Prospects works with local authorities, government agencies, businesses, voluntary organisations and the local community to deliver a range of initiatives. It is a mature, cross-sector partnership, with member organisations made up of 6 local authorities, 2 utility company, statutory agency, Natural England, NGOs – The National Trust and Pennine Heritage and the voluntary sector.

Benefits to Council

Pennine Prospects is at the heart of sustainable development for the South Pennines. It works to manage and enhance the area’s natural, cultural and heritage assets so that they contribute to the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the South Pennines. Pennine Prospects also seeks to create opportunities through developing programmes and projects that supports the South Pennines and those people who live, work or enjoy the area, including the seven million residents of the surrounding conurbations through health & wellbeing, recreation and leisure and sustainable economic opportunities.

Commitment

The Company has a Board of Directors that meet 4 times a year – June, September, December, February. The meetings are often hosted by our member organisations such as the local authorities

The commitment of the Director is dependent on what their engagement and involvement is – the basic is 4x meetings a year, normally held on a Friday morning.

Financial Commitment (if any)

£9,000 p.a.

Attendance – Optional

Deemed value for money to deliver priorities, aims and objectives of the Council's strategy in partnership. The Council has been part of Pennine Prospects since its inception in 2005 and was instrumental in its setting up.

Positive Steps Board – 4 places

Contact: Cliff Shields Tel: 0161 621 9339

Medtia Place, 80 Union Street, Oldham OL1 1DJ cliffshields@positive-steps.org.uk

Islam			Notes
Harrison			
Nasheen			
Williamson			

Purpose

To provide strategic direction and governance to the senior management of the Positive Steps Charitable Trust. Appointed as advisory representative to the board .

Benefits to Council

To inform and influence the workings of a key commissioned delivery partner providing an Early Help and an Integrated Support Service for Young People across Oldham covering Prevention and Reduction of Youth Offending, NEET prevention, Young Carers, and Missing from Home

Commitment

Attend quarterly meetings held on a Tuesday evening plus an Annual General Meeting

Financial Commitment (if any)

Not applicable

Attendance – Requirement/Optional

At least one representative needed to attend to enable a quorate meeting

NW Reserve Forces and Cadets Association – 1 place – External –

Contact: Cilla Morgan Tel: 0151 728 2061 NW RFCA, Alexandra Court, 28 Alexandra Drive, Liverpool L17 8YE nw-ceps@rfca.mod.uk

			Notes
Rustidge			Armed Forces Champion

Purpose

- Promote the interests of the Armed Forces.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion of the volunteer ethos both within and outside the Services. • Our voluntary membership brings with it an unparalleled breadth of expertise and experience. • We support the work of third sector organisations which also contribute to the well-being of Service personnel & dependents, veterans and youth. • We supplement government funding through income generation for our dependencies. • Not-for-profit organisation with demonstrable value for money
<p>Benefits to Council Closer liaison with the local armed forces and cadets.</p>
<p>Commitment The Association membership meets once per year usually in June for the Annual General Meeting.</p>
<p>Financial Commitment (if any) None</p>
<p>Attendance – Requirement</p>

<p>University of Manchester General Assembly – 1 place Contact: Deputy Secretary to the Council & Senate, Tel: 0161 306 3772 The University of Manchester, John Owens Building, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL deputysecretary@manchester.ac.uk</p>			
			Notes
Ali			
<p>Purpose The General Assembly is the forum where legitimate interests in the affairs of the University can be heard and is the medium through which the University can present itself and its achievements to its broader ‘constituencies’.</p>			
<p>Benefits to Council tains and develops links, and the purpose of the Assembly is to act as a two-way channel of communication through which the University presents its achievements to its broader ‘constituencies’ and receives feedback and advice on matters relating to University business.</p>			
<p>Commitment It meets twice annually (in January and in June), receives reports from the President and Vice-Chancellor and discusses matters of general importance to the University as a whole. The meetings start at 3:00 pm and last approximately 2 hours. On occasion, there may be a celebration event or dinner, to which the General Assembly members are invited, but attendance at these is not mandatory.</p>			
<p>Attendance – optional</p>			

Youth Justice Management Board – 1 place RA Contact: Helen Wood, Level 3 Civic Centre West Street OL1 1NL			
			Notes
Mushtaq			
Purpose The Youth Justice Management Board will have strategic responsibility for ensuring the effective delivery of the Youth Justice Service and the youth crime prevention agenda, providing support and challenge where necessary in order to achieve maximum benefit.			
Benefits to Council Assisting the Youth Justice Service in delivering and developing its approaches to working holistically with families the board will support the youth justice service to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent Youth Crime (including youth violence) • Reduce re-offending (including use of custody) • Safeguard young people at risk of, or involved in, the criminal justice system • Protect the Public 			
Commitment Quarterly meetings			
Financial Commitment (if any) None			
Attendance – Optional			

Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the NHS Northern Care Alliance – 3 places (1 Lab, 1 LD and 1 Cons + Subs) Contact: Constitutional Services, Oldham MBC. Tel: 0161 770 5151 Oldham MBC, Civic centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UL constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk			
Lab	LD	Con	Notes
McLaren	Hamblett	Adams	
Purpose The Committee was established jointly by Bury, Oldham, Rochdale and Salford councils, to consider issues affecting the health of local people (the overview role) and to call the NHS into account on behalf of the local communities (the scrutiny role). Each of these Councils has appointed 3 representatives to sit on the Committee.			
Benefits to Council Scrutiny work is undertaken on behalf of Oldham Council			
Commitment			

The committee meets four times a year and as well as possible additional ad-hoc task and finish groups. Meetings usually starts at 2.00pm
Financial Commitment N/A – Oldham MBC hosts the Committee
Attendance – Requirement

Pennine Care NHS Trust – Joint Mental Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee- 3 places (1 Lab, 1 LD and 1 Cons + Subs)			
Contact: Committee Service; Tel 01706 924715 Rochdale Borough Council, Floor 2, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU committee.services@rochdale.gov.uk			
Lab	LD	Con	Notes
McLaren	Hamblett	Byrne	
Purpose The Committee was established jointly by Bury, Oldham, Rochdale, Stockport and Tameside councils, to consider issues affecting the health of local people (the overview role) and to call the NHS into account on behalf of the local communities (the scrutiny role). Each of these Councils has appointed 3 representatives to sit on the Committee.			
Benefits to Council Scrutiny work is undertaken on behalf of Oldham Council			
Commitment Each committee meets four times a year and as well as additional ad-hoc task and finish groups. Pennine Care usually starts at 2.00pm.			
Financial Commitment The Council jointly funds a post, invoiced annually £2400 per committee.			
Attendance – Requirement			

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OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – 2024/25****OMBC****RA – Ruling Administration****OPP – Opposition**

ACE Centre – 1 place RA			
Contact: Michael Ritson, Senior AAC Consultant, Ace Centre North, Hollinwood Business Centre, Albert Street, Oldham, OL8 3QL mritson@acecentre.org.uk			
			Notes
Nasheen			
Purpose Ace Centre is a registered charity (No. 1089313) providing support for people with complex communications difficulties. It offers assessment, training and information services across England, with a focus on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and Assistive Technology (AT), delivered by a multi-disciplinary team of specialist teachers, occupational therapists, speech & language therapists with the support of technical and administrative staff.			
Benefits to Council Unknown			
Commitment Unknown			
Financial Commitment (if any) None			
Attendance –Optional			

Community Safety Partnership – 3 Places 2 RA + 1 Opp			
Contact: Neil Consterdine, Director of Communities Tel: 0161 770 8734 Level 4, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham OL1 1UL neil.consterdine@oldham.gov.uk			
Lab	Opp		Notes
Dean	Al-Hamdani		Relevant Cabinet Member and Deputy
A. Hussain			
Purpose The CSCP Partnership has strategic oversight and responsibility for the delivery of the CSCP Plan. This plan aligns with the Police and Crime			

Commissioner priorities and the safety and cohesion of residents of the Borough
Benefits to Council Delivers key strategic objectives, statutory council duty, holds partners to account.
Commitment The Partnership meets on a quarterly basis at the Civic Centre
Financial Commitment (if any) In kind resources
Attendance – Requirement

Corporate Parenting Panel – 6 places Contact: Nick Whitbread, Reviewing Officer, Level 3, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UG. Tel: 0161 770 Nick.Whitbread@oldham.gov.uk			
Lab	LD	Con	Notes
Mushtaq	Bishop	Byrne	Lead member for Children currently but could be any Cabinet member
Moore			
Harrison			
Davis			

Domestic Violence Partnership – 2 Places Contact: Bruce Penhale, Early Help Service Manager, Level 9 Civic Centre, Oldham Tel: 0161 770 4196 Bruce.Penhale@oldham.gov.uk			
			Notes
Dean			1 Cabinet Member + 1
Nasheen			
Purpose To oversee the implementation of the DV Strategy through the delivery plan. To consider DV trends (calls for service, prosecutions, victims supported etc.) One of the key areas we are looking at currently is the impact of DV on children.			
Benefits to Council The benefits to the Council are through partnership and co-operative working. The DVP is now co-chaired by a 3rd sector representative. Working in this way allows us to share practice and learning whilst having the benefit of partnership scrutiny and transparency.			
Commitment It meets every two months and is usually scheduled from 12pm to 2pm in one of the Civic Suites. The next one is scheduled for the 8th December and will be in the Crompton Suite. We haven't had regular Cllr attendance at recent			

meetings however we ensure they are kept up to date and are sent all the relevant information.
Financial Commitment (if any) None The Council contributes to the DV response in Oldham through the mainstream budgets (Community Safety and Early Help).
Attendance – Optional

Fostering Panel – 1 place 1 RA
 Contact: Maris Elkington, Fostering Team Manager, Tel: 0161 770 6534.
 Unit 10 Whitney Court, Southlink Business Park, Oldham OL4 1DB
Lisa.Oates@oldham.gov.uk
[Maris left several years ago – Lisa Oates is the contact](#)

			Notes
Harrison			Must commit to attend 75% of meetings (legislation) – no sub allowed

Purpose
 Fostering panels are a regulatory body with a crucial role in monitoring foster care for our looked after children. The main role is to make decisions about the approval, terms of approval and assessing the continuing suitability of foster carers including relatives under assessment for children subject to care proceedings. The overriding objective is to promote the welfare of children and quality assure the services provided to families in need of safeguarding intervention

Benefits to Council
 As a council we compete to recruit carers and the panels effective function is crucial to our reputation, alongside ensuring we provide a safe, high quality service to children and families

Commitment
 There are 18 panels a year minimum, lasting 4-7 hours each

Attendance – Requirement as corporate parent

Oldham Learning Disability and Autism Collaborative – 2 Places 1 RA + Opp
 Contact: Joe Charlan, Tel: 0161 770 3198 Planning and Commissioning Manager (Learning Disability and Autism), Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UT joe.charlan@oldham.gov.uk

Lab	Opp		Notes
Brownridge	Hamblett		One appointee should be the Cabinet Member

			(Social Care and Safeguarding)
Purpose			
The Board is a group of professionals, carers and self-advocates who meet on a regular basis, working together to make Oldham a better place to live for people with learning disabilities.			
Benefits to Council			
In self-assessment returns having partnership boards is seen as constructive and a positive way of involving stakeholders in a locality's developments.			
Commitment			
6 times per year, once every two months. Meets at Civic Centre, Lead Member for Social Care and Safeguarding usually chairs the meeting.			
Financial Commitment (if any)			
The resources it takes to host the meetings (minutes, facilitating and refreshments provided etc.)			
Attendance –Optional			
This is not a board/meeting that we are obliged to host/hold and it is seen as favourable when submitting Dept of Health self-assessments on Learning Disability and/or Autism.			

MioCare and Support – 4 places 3 RA + 1 Opp			
Contact: Karl Dean, Managing Director of the MioCare Group, Tel: 0161 770 8777, Ena Hughes Resource Centre, Ellesmere Street, Failsworth, M35 9AD, email: Velarie.Perrins@oldham.gov.uk			
Lab	Opp		Notes
Marie Bashforth	Hamblett		
Moores			
Fida Hussain			
Purpose			
The MioCare Group provides care and support services across the borough. The MioCare Group is a Community Interest Company that is wholly owned by Oldham Council.			
Benefits to Council			
As a wholly Council owned group of companies the Council underwrites any liabilities. Having elected members as advisory representatives to the Board ensures that the strategic direction is aligned with the Council, performance is monitored and risks are managed.			
Commitment			
The Board meets quarterly and there are two sub-committees that also meet quarterly. The Board comprises 3 x external Non-Executive Directors and the Managing Director is also a company director.			
Financial Commitment (if any)			

Attendance – Requirement

All associated papers read and members contribute to discourse.

Oldham Council Music Awards – 5 places 3 RA + 2 Opp

Contact: Michelle Millward, Oldham Music Service, Lyceum Buildings, Union Street, Oldham OL1 1QG Tel: 0161 770 5668

Michelle.Millward1@oldham.gov.uk

Lab	LD	Con	Notes
Dean	Marland	Sharp	
Davis			
Taylor			

Purpose

The fund is made up of 2 trusts re Archer & Marjorie Tate fund and are awarded to students who live in Oldham to develop their musical skills, either within the borough of Oldham or at a full time Music Conservatories or other full time higher education establishments. These awards are made to assist with the costs associated with students intending on pursuing a career in music.

Benefits to Council

The fund was given to the Council to help students and their musical aspirations and has been going for quite a few years. The costs associated with pursuing a career in music are very high and this award does make a difference to the students who apply. The interest it accumulates currently is not sufficient to keep the balance topped up and at some point in the future, it is anticipated that the monies will reduce so that no further awards will be able to be paid.

Commitment

The committee meets once a year usually August time at the Lyceum, when each application is discussed and awards allocated. The decisions made are by the Councillors on the committee.

Attendance – Requirement**Oldham Distress Fund – 2 places RA; 1 place Opposition**

Contact: Constitutional Services Tel: 0161 770 5151, Constitutional Services, Level 4, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UG,

constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk

Lab	Opp		Notes
Goodwin	Harkness		
Jabbar			

Purpose The Oldham Distress Fund (the trust) is a registered charity, number 225145, The trust was re-established in 2012 based on the Terms of Reference for the relief of poverty and hardship of people living in the Borough of Oldham in response to the gas explosion which occurred in Shaw in June 2012. The trust will comprise 3 members of the Council. The Chair

will be appointed from amongst their number at the meeting. All trustees will give their time freely and no trustee will be paid remuneration in the year.

Benefits to Council

The benefit to the Council is that it provides an opportunity for the Council to respond as a matter of urgency to any emergency situation whereby funds are needed.

Commitment

It meets annually for about an hour.

Attendance – Requirement

Oldham Strategic Housing Board - 3 Places

Contact: Bryn Cooke Tel: 0161 770 4134 Level 3, Room 310, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UH bryn.cooke@oldham.gov.uk

Lab	Opp		Notes
Taylor Goodwin	Al-Hamdani		Cabinet Member (Neighbourhoods and Co-operatives) + 1

Purpose

The Oldham Strategic Housing Board is a multi-agency partnership meets every two months and is serviced through officers at the Council. It is responsible for overseeing progress on the Oldham Housing Strategy and on approving plans to improve the quantity, quality and access to housing across the borough.

Benefits to Council

The benefits to the Council are that it provides an opportunity to engage with partners at a strategic level on Housing and ensure engagement in work around a variety of themes.

Commitment

The meetings are quarterly, last 2 hours and there are 3 elected member representatives, including the Housing portfolio holder who chairs the meetings.

Attendance – Optional

PFI and Housing Revenue Account Board – 1 place RA

Contact: Bryn Cooke Tel: 0161 770 4134 Level 3, Room 310, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UH bryn.cooke@oldham.gov.uk

			Notes
Taylor			

Purpose

The PFI and Housing Revenue Account Board is responsible for ensuring effective overview and governance of the Council's two Housing Private

Finance Initiative schemes and overseeing the Housing Revenue Account in which the finances sit for both PFI schemes.

Benefits to Council

The benefit to the Council is that it provides an opportunity for the portfolio holder and officer representatives to assess performance on the PFI schemes and individual projects within the Housing Revenue Account

Commitment

It meets Quarterly for an hour and a half.

Attendance – Requirement

Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Contact: Tony Shepherd, Assistant Director of Education and Early Years - Tony.shepherd@oldham.gov.uk

		Cons	Notes
Mohon Ali		Cllr Byrne (from May 2023)	3-year term of office, to be re-appointed May 2023 and 2025

Purpose

The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) advises on Oldham's agreed syllabus for Religious Education, publishes an annual report, conducts regular meetings, monitors the quality and provision of Religious Education in all maintained and voluntary controlled schools and receives complaints in relation to Religious Education and collective worship.

Benefits to Council

Meets statutory duties as laid down by Parliamentary Act

Commitment

Meets termly, at least 3 times annually

Attendance – Requirement - need not be an elected Member

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OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – 2024/25****JOINT VENTURES****RA – Ruling Administration****OPP – Opposition**

Foxdenton Development Board – 3 Places (Relevant Cabinet Members)			
Contact: Emma Barton Tel: 0161 770 4846 Oldham Council. emma.barton@oldham.gov.uk			
			Notes
Shah			
Taylor			
Jabbar			
<p>Purpose In 2014, Oldham Council set up a Joint Venture company (JV Co) to bring forward the Foxdenton scheme (now named Broadway Green). The two shareholders in the 50:50 JV Co are the Council and the Developer. The Developer is Foxdenton LLP (Foxdenton LLP being a joint venture between Grasscroft Property and Seddons Construction). At the same time as entering into the partnership agreement with Oldham, the Developer also entered into a Development Management Agreement with the JV Co, to advise on development and funding strategies.</p> <p>The Joint Venture Company has a Management Board with no more than six Board Members. A maximum of three Board members can be appointed by both the Developer and the Council. The Management Board is responsible for the management and control of the business and the affairs of the JV Co and has the authority to do all things necessary to carry out the purpose of the JV Co, subject to Council approval.</p>			
<p>Benefits to Council The scheme will deliver up to 700,000 sq. ft. of employment space within a premium business park and up to 500 new homes. This is expected to bring 2,000 new jobs to the local area as well as much needed new housing. It will also provide a £5.4m annual boost to the local retail economy from new resident spending. Importantly, essential infrastructure will be delivered ahead of any other development and will include a new spine road connecting the A663 and B6189, with work set to begin in May 2017.</p>			
<p>Commitment Meetings of the Management Board are held at the Civic Centre, usually between the hours of 9am- 5pm. They can be held at any time upon a written request of a Board Member (subject to a minimum of 10 days' notice) and in any event at least every three months. Now that we are moving swiftly forward</p>			

to the delivery phase, Board meetings are currently being held every two months. The quorum for a meeting of the Management Board is two Board Members (one from the Council and one from the Developer). Each Board Member has one vote and decisions are determined by a majority vote.

Financial Commitment (if any)

The Council has transferred land into the JV Co (at market value) by way of a commercial loan. The Council has also agreed to contribute towards infrastructure works, which will benefit the wider area. In return for this commitment, the Council will receive a share of the development profits.

Attendance – Requirement

Council membership of the Management Board, is required under the terms of the JV partnership agreement.

Meridian Development Company Ltd – 1 place 1 RA

Contact: Becky Collinge Tel: 0161 626 6021

Meridian Business Centre King Street Oldham Lancs OL8 1EZ

admin@interurbanestates.co.uk

			Notes
Shah			Leader of the Council to be appointed

Purpose

Meridian Development Company owns and manages a Grade II listed business centre and an adjoining 5.7 acres area of development land. The Company is seeking to develop the site for high end business and employment use.

Benefits to Council

The Council benefits from having immediate access to the skillset (both professional and business acumen) with two local private sector businessmen who have over 40 years' experience in the Manufacturing Development and Construction Industry.

Commitment

Council officers and their joint venture partners meet on a regular basis to oversee the company operations. The meetings take place either in the Conference room at the Business Centre or at a meeting room within the Civic Centre as appropriate.

Financial Commitment (if any)

The company is self-financing.

Attendance – Requirement

The Council and the Joint Venture partners are both shareholders in the company

Oldham Community Leisure Ltd Management Committee – 2 Places 1 RA + 1 Opp

Contact: Stuart Lockwood, Chief Executive Tel: 0161 207 7000 Oldham Community Leisure, Chadderton Wellbeing Centre, Burnley Street, Chadderton, Oldham OL9 0JW stuart.lockwood@ocll.co.uk

Lab	Opp		Notes
A. Hussain	Sykes		

Purpose

The Board of Directors ensures that OCL conducts its affairs in accordance with its stated purpose. It sets the policies, strategies and objectives, and then supervises the Chief Executive and his staff who are responsible for delivering them. The Board is accountable to the members through elections and the power of removal.

Benefits to Council

Benefits are that Council input is welcomed and taken into account when decision making for the company.

Commitment

Meetings take place on a quarterly basis, usually a Thursday evening, commencing around 5pm with refreshments and the meetings usually last no longer than a couple of hours. Papers are sent around a week in advance for consideration in advance of the meeting. There is the opportunity to be involved in sub committees such as HR, Audit & Risk, and Finance and or other working parties which come up periodically, but this is not mandatory and representatives are voluntary.

Financial Commitment (if any)

None

Attendance – Requirement

There are always two elected member roles filled at each time and the Council designate officers to these, rotating their period of office. OCL do not have input into the representatives, this is purely a Council decision and is also acknowledged that there will be two places available within the company rules.

Oldham Community Power Ltd Management Board – 1 Place 1 RA

Contact: Andrew Hunt, Strategy, Partnerships and Policy Manager Tel: 0161 770 6587, Room 317, Floor 3, Civic Centre, Oldham OL1 1UL
Andrew.Hunt@oldham.gov.uk

			Notes
Jabbar			Relevant Cabinet member usually appointed
Purpose The Board comprises the Directors of Oldham Community Power Ltd, a Community Benefit Society which aims to install renewable energy equipment into schools, community centres and other public buildings. The Society is run to save building occupants money on their bills, generate green energy and to give Oldham residents the opportunity to own shares in a local co-operative renewable energy organisation.			
Benefits to Council Oldham Community Power supports the Council's co-operative agenda and is a key co-operative project demonstrating the principle of the Council investing in local co-operative businesses. It saves schools and community groups money on their electricity bills and gives residents an opportunity to invest.			
Commitment The Board meets approximately once every month. The Councillor commitment is optional but welcomed by the group.			
Financial Commitment The Council has £100,000 of Shares in the Society.			
Attendance – Optional - the Society's rules require that a seat be reserved on the Board for the Council.			

Oldham Economic Development Association Board – 8 places (Directors appointed by Monitoring Officer) Contact: Mr P Entwistle, Director of Legal Services Tel: 0161 770 4822 OMBC Legal Division, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UL			
			Notes
Jabbar	Al-Hamdani	Arnott	1 Cabinet Member Finance, 1 Deputy Finance, 1 Shadow Finance + 5 Elected Members
Islam			
McLaren			
Fida Hussain			
Aftab Hussain			
Charters			

Oldham Property Partnership Limited (and associated OPP Ltd companies) – 2 places Leader of the Council + Leader of Opposition
 Contact: Bryn Cooke, PDI Team Leader, Development and Infrastructure
 Tel: 0161 770 4134. Room 310, Level 3, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham
 OL1 1UL bryn.cooke@oldham.gov.uk

			Notes
Shah	Sykes		
Taylor			

Southlink Developments Limited – 3 places (Director) 2 RA + 1 Opp
 Contact: Mr P Entwistle, Director of Legal Services Tel: 0161 770 4822 Room
 328 Legal Division, OMBC, Civic Centre, Oldham, OL1 1UP
Paul.Entwistle@oldham.gov.uk

			Notes
Brownridge	Kenyon		
Jabbar			

Northern Roots – 2 places available as advisory trustees

Brownridge			
Jabbar			

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OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – 2024/25****APPOINTMENTS TO BODIES IN DISTRICT AREAS****RA – Ruling Administration****OPP – Opposition****Chadderton**

Community First Oldham (Chadderton) Ltd (1 place) 1 RA Contact: swilson@northconsulting.co.uk Tel: 0161 831 9722 Building 1000, Kings Reach, Yew Street, Stockport, SK4 2HG			
			Notes
McLaren			

East Oldham

East Oldham Children’s Centre District Advisory Board – 1 place RA Contact: Karen Bennett, Beever Children’s Centre, Moorby St, Oldham OL13QU Tel: 0161-470-4260 Email Karen.Bennett@bridgewater.nhs.uk			
			Notes
Charters			
Purpose The District Advisory Board has oversight of and supports the District Children Centres			
Benefits to Council To ensure a high quality early years offer for families in Oldham			
Commitment To attend 1 meeting per quarter, attend any additional meetings, attend the Annual conversation.			
Financial Commitment (if any) None			
Attendance – Requirement			

Failsworth and Hollinwood

Onwards (formerly Portico Housing Association) 2 places 2 RA The Avenues and Hollins Tenants Association Committee Contact: Tel 0161 688 1763, 50 1 st Avenue Oldham OL8 3SH			
			Notes
Aslam			
Davis			

Royton

Royton Sick and Needy Charity – 6 places (Royton Councillors) Contact: Constitutional Services, Tel: 0161 770 5151 Legal & Democratic Services, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UL			
Lab 1	Lib Dem 0	Con 3	Independent 2
Bashforth		Adams	Hughes
		Arnott	Hurley
		Quigg	
Purpose Charitable trust set up to apply the capital and endowments of the Trust for the benefit of needy and deserving sick persons of the district of Royton.			
Benefits to Council Ensuring the residents of Royton benefit fully from the Trust funds			
Commitment 3-4 meetings per year			
Attendance – Requirement			

Shaw and Crompton

Arthur Vernon Davies Charity (Shaw and Crompton) – 1 place Lib-Dem + 1 place (Mayor (ex-officio)) Contact: Constitutional Services, Tel: 0161 770 5151 Legal & Democratic Services, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UL			
Mayor	Lib Dem 1		Notes
	Sykes		
Purpose Charitable trust set up to relieve need, hardship or distress in persons resident in the ecclesiastical parishes of St James, East Crompton, St Mary, High Crompton and Holy Trinity, Shaw			
Benefits to Council Ensuring the residents of Shaw and Crompton benefit fully from the Trust funds			
Commitment Meetings are held four times per year at 4.30pm in the Civic Centre			
Attendance – Requirement			

Hopwood Trust – 6 Trustees (2 Bowling Club Reps, 2 Cricket Club Reps, 2 Shaw & Crompton District Ward Councillors)

Contact: Constitutional Services Tel: 0161 770 5151, Legal & Democratic Services, , Civic Centre, West St, Oldham OL1 1UL

<i>Robert G Horrocks</i>	<i>Michael Lee</i>	Cllr Williamson	Notes
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Glenn Rigby</i>	Cllr Murphy	

Purpose

Charitable trust set up to enable Crompton Cricket Club and Crompton Bowling Club and such other persons as they think fit, to use the land for cricket, bowling and other leisure purposes.

Benefits to Council

Ensuring the residents of Crompton benefit fully from the Trust facilities

Commitment

Meetings are held as and when – but one meeting should be held each year to approve the accounts.

Attendance – Requirement

West Oldham

Community Group Network - 2 places RA

Contact: Martin Holt, Villages Housing 2 Fircroft Road, Fitton Hill, Oldham OL8 2QN.

siammartin@hotmail.com;

			Notes
Hussain, J			
Nasheen			

Purpose

An umbrella organisation of community groups in Hathershaw and Fitton Hill, which was formed during the New Deal for Communities (NDC) funding programme. The CGN took on the functions of the Honeywell Trust, which replaced from the NDC Board.

Some of the functions included were to have oversight of the NDC funded projects and facilities, however this has reduced over time as many facilities (Fitton Hill Neighbourhood Centre, Honeywell Centre) have been adopted by the Council

Benefits to Council

The relationship is an important one for the local Councillors.

Commitment

Frequency – 4 times a year, once per quarter.

Time – The meetings take place in the late afternoon/early evening on a weekday. Usually 5pm/6pm.

Duration: 1 – 2 hours.

Financial Commitment (if any)

None
Attendance – Optional

Oldham Millennium Centre – 2 places 2 RA
 Contact: Dolly Green Tel: 0161 622 3812 Featherstall Road North, Oldham OL9 6QB
obamillenniumcentre@hotmail.co.uk

			Notes
Malik			
Islam			

Purpose
 The Council is a joint partner with the Oldham Bangladeshi Association (OBA) on the management committee for the Millennium Centre. The body is responsible for setting the strategic direction, oversight, facilities, and use of the community centre.

Benefits to Council

Commitment
 Frequency – 4 times a year, once per quarter
 Time – usually daytime, weekday, based on availability of committee members
 Duration – 1-2 Hours

Financial Commitment (if any)
 The only Council contribution financially tends to be in the award of grants from the District Executive or Councillors for the provision of annual activity. The Council does receive an annual rent for the building from the OBA.

Attendance – Requirement
 Membership is a requirement as a liable partner and leaseholder of the centre.

The Primrose Community Association – 1 place RA
 Contact: Jan Wade, 9 Magnolia Gardens, Primrose Bank, Oldham OL8 1HY
 Tel: 0161 624 7202 primrosecentre@gmail.com

			Notes
Fida Hussain			

Purpose
 The Board of Trustees for the new PFI4 community centre has overview of the development of the centre and activities that benefit the local community.

Benefits to Council
 The centre is part of the substantial investment in Primrose Bank from the PFI4 programme.

Commitment:

1 meeting per quarter
Financial Commitment (if any) None
Attendance – Requirement To attend the Board of Trustees meetings as an advisor

ForHousing – Fitton Hill Community Voice - 2 places RA Contact: Lisa Fowles, ForHousing 2 Fircroft Road, Fitton Hill, Oldham OL8 2QN. lisa.fowles@forhousing.co.uk Tel: 07834126664			
			Notes
Hussain, J			
Nasheen			
Purpose Fitton Hill Community Voice gives residents influence over the management of properties in Fitton Hill which are owned by ForHousing. These properties were stock-transferred from OMBC to Villages Housing in 2005. In April 2019, Villages Housing merged with City West Housing Trust to form a single housing association within the ForViva Group. The new housing association is called ForHousing.			
Benefits to Council Fitton Hill Community Voice gives residents influence over the management of the Fitton Hill estate. Community Voice also considers applications for funding from ForHousing’s Community Fund which helps support residents to deliver projects which benefit the local area. Attending Community Voice meetings will help Council nominees to understand the priorities of local people and build awareness of ForHousing’s contribution in the area. There will also be opportunities to influence service delivery including masterplanning and the development of local offers.			
Commitment Frequency – 4 times a year, once per quarter Time – Usually day time, weekday Duration – 2 hours			
Financial Commitment (if any) None			
Attendance – Requirement ForHousing have maintained places for Council nominees in its terms of reference for Community Voice.			

West Oldham Children’s Centre District Advisory Board – 1 place RA Contact: Elaine Worthington, Oldham Children’s Centres, c/o Medlock Vale Children’s Centre, Honeywell Centre, Hadfield Street, Hathershaw, Oldham, OL8 3BP Tel: 0161 470 4305 Elaine.Worthington@bridgewater.nhs.uk			
			Notes
Harrison			

<p>Purpose The District Advisory Board has oversight of and supports the District Children Centres</p>
<p>Benefits to Council To ensure a high quality early years offer for families in Oldham</p>
<p>Commitment To attend 1 meeting per quarter, attend any additional meetings, attend the Annual conversation.</p>
<p>Financial Commitment (if any) None</p>
<p>Attendance – Requirement</p>

OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – 2024/25****AGMA/GMCA APPOINTMENTS****RA – Ruling Administration****OPP – Opposition**

GM Combined Authority – 1 place Leader + 1 sub Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
			Notes
Shah			
Sub Taylor			

AGMA Executive Board – 1 place Leader + 1 sub Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
			Notes
Shah			Leader and one substitute member are sought
Sub Taylor			

GM Health Scrutiny Committee – 1 place RA + 1 sub (non-cabinet members) Contact: Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA TO BE APPOINTED BY CORPORATE RESOURCES BOARD			
			Notes
Moores			Chair of Health Scrutiny or Scrutiny Members. GM Political Balance applies
Sub Davis			

Statutory Functions Committee – 1 place RA + 1 sub Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
			Notes
Dean			Replicates GM Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee

Sub Hussain, A			
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GM Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee – 1 place RA + 1 sub Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
			Notes
Dean			Replicates Statutory Functions Committee
Sub Hussain, A			

Christie Hospital NHS Foundation Trust – Council of Governors – 1 place RA Nomination (AGMA Executive to agree final membership) Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
			Notes
Moore			No nomination required Cllr Moore has been appointed until 2025

GMCA Audit Committee – 1 place RA Nomination (GMCA Executive to agree final membership) Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
			Notes
McLaren			One nomination is sought from each GM Authority – cannot though be the Council Leader. Two substitute members are also sought.

Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee– 1 place RA plus Sub Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
			Notes
Jabbar			Executive Lead for Clean Air
Sub Charters			

Greater Manchester Pensions Fund Management Panel – 1 place RA Nomination (AGMA Executive to agree final membership)

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
Jabbar			Cabinet Member, same Member to be on both the Greater Manchester Pensions Fund Management Panel and the Greater Manchester Pension Fund Management/ Advisory Panel
Sub			

GM Work and Skills Forum – 1 place RA Nomination + 1 sub

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
Mohon Ali			GMCA recommend that the Lead member for Work and Skills be appointed
Sub Nasheen			

Integrated Care Partnership Board – 1 place RA Nomination + 1 sub

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
Brownridge			Suggest Leader and GMCA sub Member
Sub Bashforth			

Peoples History Museum – 1 place - Nomination (AGMA Executive to agree final membership)

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
Dean			

Halle – 1 place - Nomination (AGMA Executive to agree final membership)			
Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
			Notes
Dean			

Planning and Housing Commission – 1 place RA Nomination (AGMA Executive to agree final membership)			
Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
			Notes
Taylor			Political Balance Rules Apply Lead Member for planning and Housing preferred
Sub			

Police Crime and Fire Panel – 1 place RA Nomination + 1 sub			
Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
			Notes
Goodwin			Cannot be the Council Leader or substitute members of the GMCA
Sub Charters			

Police, Crime and Fire Steering Group – 1 place RA Nomination and sub			
Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
			Notes
Goodwin			Cannot be the Council Leader or substitute members of the GMCA
Sub Charters			

Bee Network Committee – 1 place RA Nomination + 1 sub

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
 Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
Goodwin			Committee comprises of 10 members: 1 member from each GM District, plus 1 substitute from each District (requesting that the Executive member with transport responsibility be appointed)
Sub Charters			

Transport for the North AND Rail North Committee Substitute for GM Mayor – 1 place RA nomination (to be appointed by GMCA)

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
 Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
Goodwin			1 substitute from across GM to be appointed by GMCA

Transport for the North Audit and Governance Committee – 1 place and 1 sub RA Nomination (To be appointed by the GMCA)

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
 Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
McLaren			
Sub Goodwin			

Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee – 1 place and 1 sub RA Nomination (To be appointed by the GMCA)

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
 Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
Charters			
Sub Goodwin			

Transport for the North General Purposes Committee – 1 place and 1 sub RA Nomination (To be appointed by the GMCA) Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
			Notes
Goodwin			
Sub Charters			
GM Waste and Recycling Committee – 2 places RA (To be appointed by the GMCA) Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA			
2 members	2 substitute members		Notes
Davis Rustidge			The Committee will have 15 members to ensure political proportionality and gender balance. Lead Exec Member for Waste where possible OMBC is requested to appoint 2 members and 2 substitute members.
Purpose The Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (the Authority) was established on 1st January 1986 to dispose of waste collected by its constituent Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs) (namely Bolton MBC, Bury MBC, Manchester CC, Oldham Council, Rochdale MBC, Salford CC, Stockport MBC, Tameside MBC and Trafford MBC) and provide household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) for the use of members of the public. Waste disposal is now a CA function.			
Benefits to Council It is a statutory requirement for the Council to be involved with the decision making processes of waste disposal.			
Commitment The Authority meets 5 times a year usually on the Friday morning (group meetings start from 9.30am. Some changes could be made in June at the GMCA AGM.			
Financial Commitment (if any) The Council pays a levy (through monthly instalments) to the Authority plus the Council is responsible for paying the Authority Member allowances.			
Attendance – Requirement			

Clean Air Scrutiny Committee – 1 place and 1 sub RA

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
 Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
Shuttleworth			Cannot be a Member of Charging Authorities or Air Quality Committee
Sub J Hussain			

Air Quality Administration Committee – 1 place and 1 sub RA

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
 Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
Jabbar			Lead executive member for clean air
Sub Charters			

GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee – comprises 20 members and 6 nominations are sought from each GM District (4 from the ruling group and 2 from opposition), in the order of preference if possible.

GMCA have recommended that elected members who have previously been appointed to the GMCA O&S Committee or those with a local scrutiny interest.

(6 nominations to comprise of 4 nominations (2 members and 2 substitutes) from the ruling party and 2 nominations (1 member and 1 substitute) from opposition parties)

Cannot be a Member of GMCA or Bee Network Committee.

2-year appointment where possible

Contact: Sylvia Welsh

Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
McLaren Moores	Hamblett		
2 sub Hussain, J Iqbal	Al-Hamdani		

GM Homelessness Programme Board – 1 place RA Nomination 1 SUB

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
 Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
Taylor			Lead Exec Member for Housing
Sub Goodwin			

GM Children’s Board – 1 place RA appointment 1 SUB

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
 Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
Mushtaq			Lead Exec Member for Children’s Services
Sub Harrison			

Green City Region Board – 1 place RA Nomination

Contact: Kerry Bond, Tel: 0161 234 3665 AND Sylvia Welsh
 Manchester City Council, Town Hall, PO BOX 532, M60 2LA

			Notes
Jabbar			Lead Exec Member for Low Carbon

OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – 2024/25****GM BODIES****RA – Ruling Administration****OPP – Opposition**

Greater Manchester Forests Partnership – 2 places RA Contact: Anne Carpenter, Finance & Admin Officer, Tel: 0161 872 1660. Red Rose Forest, 6 Kansas Avenue, Salford M50 2GL Anne@cityoftrees.org.uk			
			Notes
Goodwin			Usually Cabinet member for Planning and Environment
Jabbar			
Purpose The role of the GM Forests Partnership is to bring synergies and focus to a number of key areas for Greater Manchester including- Highlighting the importance of trees and woods for Greater Manchester for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • climate change adaptation and mitigation • image and inward investment • community health • managing water quality and quantity • biodiversity • timber products Supporting and championing the development of the Manchester: City of Trees movement			
Benefits to Council The Council may contribute via donations or on a commissioned project basis.			
Commitment The Group will meet on quarterly basis			
Financial Commitment (if any)			
Attendance – Requirement			

Greater Manchester Pension Fund Management/Advisory Panel – 1 place RA

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			Notes
Jabbar			Cabinet Member, same Member to be on both the Greater Manchester Pensions Fund Management Panel and the Greater Manchester Pension Fund Management/ Advisory Panel
Purpose To manage the pension fund			
Benefits to Council			
Commitment The Greater Manchester Pension Fund Management/Advisory Panel meet 4 times in a municipal year. In addition to this, Members are appointed to Working Groups (usually 2 working groups per Member) which also each meet quarterly. Meetings are held at Guardsman Tony Downes House, 5 Manchester Road, Droylsden, Manchester. M43 6SF. Panel meetings usually commence at 10.00am and are approximately 2 ½ hrs in duration. Working Groups meetings commence at a varying times – but are usually in the morning (Thursday/Friday) and can be anywhere between 1 – 2 ½ hrs duration, depending on the Group and the agenda.			
Financial Commitment (if any)			
Attendance – Requirement			



Report to COUNCIL

Appointment of Committees and Composition of Political Groups

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10th July 2024

Reason for Decision

The Council is asked to review the political composition of committees and to note the composition of the political groups as previously notified under Regulation 8 (1) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and under Section 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The Council is asked to constitute and appoint members to serve on the several Committees detailed in the constitution and listed in Appendix 1 to this report (to be circulated).

Recommendations

- (a) That the revised composition of the political groups as shown in paragraph 1.1 be noted.
- (b) The several Committees detailed at paragraph 1.2 and 1.5 be constituted with the Terms of Reference and delegated powers as detailed in the Constitution.
- (c) The number of seats on the various Committees for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year be as detailed in paragraph 1.5.
- (d) Council confirms the allocation of seats to the political groups and makes appointments to fill the seats in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, as detailed in Appendix 1 (to be circulated) as far as is practicable.

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- (e) Council appoints a Chair and Vice Chair of the Appointments Committee
 - (f) Any outstanding appointments to be delegated to the Chief Executive in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group.

Appointment of Committees and Composition of Political Groups**1 Background**

The Council is asked to review the political composition of committees and to note the composition of the political groups as previously notified under Regulation 8 (1) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990. Since the last meeting of Council on 22nd May 2024, Councillors Akhtar and Ibrahim have joined the Oldham Group bringing their membership up to 8 members. Therefore, the Oldham Independents Group ceases to exist.

This report is proposing in the consideration of the revised political balance of the authority that the size of three Committee be increased, to ensure appropriate representation. The Planning Committee be increased to 16 members from 14, the Standards Committee be increased to 7 members from 5 and the Appointments Committee be increased to 7 members from 5. Council is also requested to appoint the Chair of the Appointments Committee.

Therefore, the total number of committee and sub-committee seats to be allocated is raised from 119 to 125.

The effects of this are:

1. Labour to be allocated two additional seats on the Planning Committee, one additional seat on the Standards Committee and one additional seat on the Appointments Committee.
2. The Liberal Democrats be allocated a second seat on the Audit Committee
3. The Oldham Group be allocated a place on the Employment Committee plus an additional seat on the Planning Committee, Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board, Place Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board and the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board (these latter four seats were previously allocated to the two Oldham Independent members who have now joined the Oldham Group). This takes them up to 17 seats the same as the Conservative Group.
4. The Failsworth Independent Party cede their place on the Employment Committee to the Oldham Group but gain a place on the Standards Committee. They also cede their place on the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board to the non-aligned Independents but gain a place on the Licensing Committee.
5. The Independent Group cede their places on the Audit Committee (to the Liberal Democrats) and on the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board (to the Royton Independents). The Independent Group have places on the Planning Committee (rather than being ceded one by the Labour group) and on the Appointments Committee.
6. The Royton Independents cede their place on the Licensing Committee (to the Failsworth Independent Party) but gain a place on the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board.
7. The two non-aligned independent members have now (between them) seats on the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board, Children and Young People's Scrutiny Board, Audit Committee and Charitable Trust Committee.

1.1 Political Groups

Council is asked to note that the composition of the political groups, as previously notified under Regulation 8 (1) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, is: -

(i)	The Labour Group	27	Members
(ii)	The Liberal Democrat Group	9	Members
(iii)	The Conservative Group	8	Members
(iv)	Oldham Group	8	Members
(v)	Failsforth Independent Party	2	Members
(vi)	Royton Independents	2	Members
(vii)	The Independent Group	2	Members

There are 2 Independent Members not aligned to a political group.

- a. The Labour Group comprises: Councillors Shah (Leader), Taylor, Mohon Ali, Aslam, Bashforth, Brownridge, Charters, Chauhan, Cosgrove, Davis, Dean, Goodwin, Harrison, A. Hussain, F. Hussain, J. Hussain, S. Hussain, Iqbal, Islam, Jabbar, Malik, McLaren, Moores, Mushtaq, Nasheen, Rustidge and Shuttleworth.
- b. The Liberal Democrat Group comprises: Councillors Sykes (Leader), Al-Hamdani, Bishop, Hamblett, Harkness, Kenyon, Marland, Murphy and Williamson.
- c. The Conservative Group comprises: Councillors Sheldon (Leader), Byrne, Adams, Arnott, Lancaster, Quigg, Sharp and Woodvine.
- d. The Oldham Group comprises: Councillors Ghafoor (Leader), Akhtar, Zaheer Ali, Azad, Chowhan, Ibrahim, Kouser and Wahid.
- e. The Failsforth Independent Party comprises: Councillors Hobin (Leader) and Hindle.
- f. The Royton Independents comprises; Councillors Hurley (Leader) and Hughes.
- g. The Independent Group comprises Councillors Hince (Leader) and Navesey
- h. Councillors Ball and Wilkinson are independent members not aligned to a political group.

1.2 Terms of Reference and Delegated Powers

Council is asked to constitute and appoint members to serve on the several Committees detailed in the Constitution and listed in Appendix 1 (to be circulated) to this report, namely:

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- (i) The Regulatory Committees: -
Licensing
Planning
Appeals
Commons Registration
Highway Regulation Committee (formerly TRO Panel)
Charitable Trust Committee
- (ii) The Overview and Scrutiny Boards: -
- (iii) The Audit Committee
- (iv) The Standards Committee
- (v) The Employment Committee

(vi) Appointments Committee

The terms of reference, and delegated powers where applicable, be as detailed in the Council's Constitution. Council is requested to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of the Appointments Committee.

Council is also asked to ratify the Leader's nominations to the Health and Well-being Board. The Board is not a politically balanced Committee of the Council and is listed in Appendix 1 to this report.

1.3 Political Balance

There are four statutory principles of political balance which have to be applied in filling appointments to Committees. These are contained in S15(5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

The principles have to be applied in priority order as follows:-

- (i) That not all seats on the body are allocated to the same political group.
- (ii) That the majority of the seats on the body are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group are a majority of the Authority's membership.
- (iii) Subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant Authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of that Authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Authority; and,
- (iv) Subject to paragraphs (i) to (iii) above, that the number of seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the same number of all seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Authority.

The political group sizes as a percentage of the total membership of the Council are:-

Labour Group	$27/60 \times 100 = 45\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 45\% = 56.25$	56 seats
Liberal Democrat Group	$9/60 \times 100 = 15\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 15\% = 18.75$	19 seats
Conservative Group	$8/60 \times 100 = 13.33\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 13.33\% = 16.66$	17 seats
Oldham Group	$8/60 \times 100 = 13.33\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 13.33\% = 16.66$	17 seats
Failsworth Independent Party	$2/60 \times 100 = 3.33\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 3.33\% = 4.16$	4 Seats
The Independent Group	$2/60 \times 100 = 3.33\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 3.33\% = 4.16$	4 seats
Royton Independents	$2/60 \times 100 = 3.33\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 3.33\% = 4.16$	4 seats

There are 2 Independent Members not within a Group. Unallocated seats will be offered to them.

1.3 The application of these percentages to the number of seats on individual Committees gives the following allocation of seats: -

COMMITTEE SIZE	Labour (L)	Liberal Democrat (LD)	Conservative (C)	Oldham Group (OG)	Failsworth Independents (FIP)	The Independent Group (TIG)	Royton Independents (RI)
16	7.20	2.40	2.13	2.13	0.53	0.53	0.53
15	6.75	2.25	2.00	2.00	0.50	0.50	0.50
14	6.30	2.10	1.86	1.86	0.46	0.46	0.46
13	5.85	1.95	1.73	1.73	0.43	0.43	0.43
12	5.40	1.80	1.60	1.60	0.39	0.39	0.39
11	4.95	1.65	1.46	1.46	0.36	0.36	0.36
10	4.50	1.50	1.33	1.33	0.33	0.33	0.33
9	4.05	1.35	1.19	1.19	0.29	0.29	0.29
8	3.60	1.20	1.07	1.07	0.26	0.26	0.26
7	3.15	1.05	0.93	0.93	0.23	0.23	0.23
6	2.70	0.90	0.79	0.79	0.19	0.19	0.19
5	2.25	0.75	0.67	0.67	0.16	0.16	0.16
4	1.80	0.60	0.53	0.53	0.13	0.13	0.13
3	1.35	0.45	0.40	0.40	0.10	0.10	0.10

1.4 Under the political balance rules after these percentages have been applied to the total number of seats on Committees of the Council any remaining seats must be allocated to members who are not Members of any political group. Applying political balance as detailed above, the allocation of seats, to the current committee structure, would be as follows:-

Committee	Seats	L	LD	C	OG	FIP	TIG	RI	Ind
Planning	16	7	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
Licensing	15	7	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board	11	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board	11	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board	11	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Children and Young People Scrutiny Board	11	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0

Audit Committee	9	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Employment Committee	7	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Appointments Committee	7	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Commons Registration	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Trust Committee	6	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Standards Committee	7	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Highway Regulation Committee (formerly TRO Panel)	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Appeals Committee	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	125	56	20	16	15	2	2	2	0

The above calculation leaves 12 committee places to be allocated.

1.5 Adjustment of Seats

In accordance with the rules of political balance, so far as practicable, the number of seats must be allocated to accord with the rules above. It is therefore proposed that the number of seats on the various Committees for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year be fixed as follows:-

Committee	Seats	L	LD	C	OG	FI P	TI G	RI	Ind
Planning	16	7	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
Licensing	15	7	2	2	2	1	1	0	0
Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board	11	5	2	1	2	0	0	1	0
Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board	11	5	2	1	2	0	0	0	1
Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board	11	5	1	2	2	0	0	1	
Children and Young People Scrutiny Board	11	5	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Audit	9	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
Employment Committee	7	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	
Commons Registration	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Appointments Committee	7	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	
Charitable Trustee Committee	6	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1

Standards Committee	7	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	
Highways Regulation Committee (formerly TRO)	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	
Appeals Committee	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	
Total	125	56	19	17	17	4	4	4	4

- a. The Health and Well Being Board is not included in the calculation above. Although the Committee is appointed by Council, the Local Authority (Public Health and Well Being Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 provide for the disapplication of Section 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989
- b. Annual Council on 22nd May appointed a District Lead for each District Area and 2 Deputy District Leads for North and East District.
- c. It is proposed that the standards sub-committee, dealing with assessments or hearings, consist of 5 members with 2 Members from the Labour Group and one each from the Liberal Democrat Group, Conservative Group and the Oldham Group who have seats on the Standards Committee.

1.6 Substitutes are to be appointed by the political groups in accordance with the Substitute Scheme contained in the Constitution. Substitutes for Overview and Scrutiny Boards may be nominated up to a maximum of the number of Members of that Group serving on the Board. Substitutes are not permitted for Licensing. For the Planning Committee, up to 16 substitutes are to be nominated in accordance with the political balance of each Committee. Council is also asked to appoint substitutes to the Highways Regulation Committee, the Audit Committee and to the four Overview and Scrutiny Boards.

1.7 Council is asked to review the political composition of the Committees; to determine the allocation of seats to political groups; and to make the appointments to fill the seats in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations.

1.8 Council is requested to appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of the Appointments Committee.

2 Options/Alternatives

- 2.1 To approve the report.
Not to approve the report

3 Preferred Option

- 3.1 To approve the report and the committee's composition and membership at Appendix 1.

4 Consultation

- 4.1 Consultation has taken place with relevant officers and Councillors.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 n/a

6 Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal comments (Paul Entwistle).

7 **Equality Impact – including implications for Children and Young Persons**

7.1 N/a

8 **Key Decision**

8.1 No

9 **Key Decision Reference**

9.1 n/a

10 **Background Papers**

The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act:

Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

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11. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Membership of Committees (to be circulated).

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Report to COUNCIL

Constitution Update

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10th July 2024

Recommendations

To consider the recommendations to update the Constitution as detailed in the report.

Constitution Update

1 Background

- 1.1 The Constitution needs to be regularly reviewed to ensure that it reflects any procedural or organisational changes and this report details areas where amendments to the Constitution are required.

2 Council Procedure Rules

- 2.1 At each Council meeting the Council considers actions from Council meetings but it is not prescriptive as to the period for such updates. It is proposed that each report covers actions from Council Motions and responses in the preceding 12 month period and any update or response received from Motions beyond the 12 month period. If no response is received within 6 months the Head of Democratic Services will write a reminder asking for a response and will report to Council if no reply is received.
A copy of the revised recommended Council Procedure Rules is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3 Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules

- 3.1 It is proposed to consolidate and clarify the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules within Part 4C. A copy of the proposed revised Part 4C is included at **Appendix 2** and this would replace the existing Part 4C and appendix

4 Terms of Reference of a committee

- 5.1 The terms of reference of the Planning Committee have been clarified and are attached at Appendix 3.

5 Section 36 delegation

- 5.1 Council previously delegated as part of the Prevent Programme on the governments counter terrorism strategy, to the Channel Co-Ordinator Supervisor at Manchester City Council responsibilities for decisions on whether to refer individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism to Oldham's Channel Panel as defined by the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 as amended. Section 36 of the Act placed a duty on local authorities to ensure a Channel Panel was established in its area and gave power as amended to refer an individual at risk of being drawn into terrorism to the Channel Panel. In 2016, the Home Office piloted the Dovetail Scheme which saw local authorities take on responsibility for case managing individuals referred to Channel.
Since 2019, Manchester City Council on behalf of itself and the other nine authorities within Greater Manchester participated in further joint working to trial a new method of delivery for the Channel programme. The Home Office have reviewed the Dovetail pilot and the pilot has ceased meaning that there is no longer a requirement to delegate Section 36 decisions to Manchester City Council as these will be undertaken by the police.

6 Preferred Option

- 6.1 The Council is required to regularly review the constitution.

7 Consultation

Relevant officers have been consulted and Leader and Leader of the main opposition group consulted on proposed changes to the Council Procedure Rules.

8 **Financial Implications**

8.1 None

9 **Legal Implications**

9.1 Contained within the report.

10 **Equality Impact -including implications for Children and Young People**

10.1 No

11 **Key Decision**

11.1 No

12 **Key Decision Reference**

12.1 N/a

13 **Background Papers**

None

13 **Appendices**

13.1 Appendix 1 - **Council Procedure Rules**
Appendix 2 – **Budget and Policy Framework Rules**
Appendix 3 – **Terms of reference of committee**

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Part 4A

Council Procedure Rules

APPENDIX 1
PART 4 - COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

Matters reserved to Council are outlined in the Council Terms of Reference at Section 3 to Part 3 of this Constitution.

1. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1.1 Timing and Business

In a year when there is an ordinary election of Councillors, the annual meeting will take place within 21 days of the retirement of the outgoing Councillors. In any other year, the annual meeting will take place on a date to be set by Council.

1.2 The annual meeting will:

- a) elect a person to preside if the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is not present;
- b) elect the Mayor;
- c) appoint the Deputy Mayor;
- d) approve the Minutes of the last meeting;
- e) deal with matters which the Mayor considers to be urgent business;
- f) receive any communications from the Mayor relating to the business of the Council;
- g) receive any petitions relating to the business of the Council (all petitions to be dealt with in accordance with the Council's Petitions Protocol);
- h) elect the Leader (if required);
- i) receive the report of the Leader on executive arrangements;
- j) decide the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules;
- k) establish at least one Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a Licensing Committee (or such Committee as meets the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003) and such other Committees as the Council considers appropriate to deal with matters which are neither reserved to the Council nor are executive functions;
- l) decide, within any statutory restriction, the size and terms of reference for those Committees;
- m) appoint to those Committees, including substitute Members;
- n) appoint a Chair for those Committees;
- o) appoint to outside bodies, except where appointment to those bodies has been delegated by the Council or are executive appointments;
- p) if not previously determined by Council, approve a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the year;
- q) consider notices of Administration business in the order in which they have been received by the Chief Executive in accordance with Procedure Rules 2, 8 and 12 (time limit – 30 minutes);

- r) consider motions of opposition business in accordance with Procedure Rules 2, 8 and 12 (time limit – 30 minutes);
- s) agree amendments to and/or re-affirm the Constitution, including the Council (non-executive) Scheme of Delegation; and
- t) consider any business set out in the notice convening the meeting.

2. ORDINARY MEETINGS

2.1 Timings and Business

- 2.1.1 All ordinary meetings shall normally be held at 6.00pm and shall conclude at 9.30pm unless some other time fixed by statute or specified in the summons. The Mayor shall determine whether meetings where significant tranches of Budget proposals or major communications are considered shall conclude at 10.00pm.
- 2.1.2 Ordinary meetings of the Council will take place in accordance with a programme decided at the Council's annual meeting or by the Council at an ordinary meeting preceding the annual meeting.
- 2.1.3 Subject to any variation in the order of business under Procedure Rule 12.4(c) or when the Mayor, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups of the Council, considers it appropriate to move an officer report higher on the agenda, the order of business at every ordinary meeting of the Council will be:
 - a) To choose a person to preside if the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not present;
 - b) To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council; provided that, if a copy has been circulated to each Member of the Council not later than the date of issue of the Summons to attend the meeting, they will be taken as read;
 - c) To receive any declarations of interest from Members;
 - d) To deal with matters which the Mayor considers to be urgent business.
 - e) To receive any communications from the Mayor relating to the business of the Council. At the final ordinary Council meeting of any municipal year, the Mayor will indicate which members have provided notice that they are not returning as members in order to give other members the opportunity to address the meeting on their retirement;
 - f) To receive any petitions relating to the business of the Council (all petitions to be dealt with in accordance with the Council's Petitions Protocol); **(time limit - 20 minutes)**
 - g) To consider a presentation or resolution on a specific topic of relevance to the Borough, from the Youth Council; **(time limit – 20 minutes)**;
 - h) Public Questions **(time limit 15 minutes)** (see Council Procedure Rule 10)
 - i) Leader and Cabinet reports and questions (**time limit 90 minutes**). To receive reports on updates on main activities in the portfolio area of Leader and Cabinet members and receive questions from non-executive members. (Each portfolio holder section will last a maximum of 10 minutes

with 6 minutes permitted for questions from non-executive members). The Leader section will receive the minutes of the Cabinet and Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Executive meetings minutes .To also receive annually a list of any urgent key decisions taken since the last annual report.) In the Leader section, the Leader of the main opposition group is entitled to ask 2 questions and the Leader of the next largest group may ask 1 question.

- j) To consider Administration business. To consider a maximum of two notices of motion in the order in which they have been received by the Chief Executive; **(time limit - 30 minutes)**
- k) To consider Opposition business. The order of consideration of Opposition motions is in accordance with group size with one motion considered from each group sequentially .The main opposition group motion is limited to 15 minutes . The motion from the next largest group is limited to a maximum of 10 minutes . Other motions submitted to be considered within the permitted period of 30 minutes. **(time limit – 30 minutes)**
- l) Other business (if any) specified in the Summons, including matters of call-in and any matters expressly required by statute. Without the suspension of Council Procedure Rules, the Chair of the Audit Committee may speak with permission and if requested when Council is considering a report from the Chair of the Audit Committee. In considering a report on Actions from Council, each report will cover actions and responses to Council motions in the 12 months preceding the meeting and any update and response received in connection with motions beyond a 12 month period.

2.1.4 Any period of time not utilised in relation to items (a) – (k) in section 2.1 above is to be distributed to items (l).

2.1.5 The Council Budget Meeting shall be a sole item meeting, except that a communications item may be included.

2.1.6 If time has expired on any motion section, any motion under debate will be put to the vote and any outstanding motions will be moved and seconded and a vote taken.

3. EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS

3.1 Calling Extraordinary Meetings

An extraordinary meeting of the Council may be called at any time by:

- a) the Council;
- b) the Mayor;
- c) any five Members of the Council if they have signed a requisition presented to the Mayor and he/she has refused to call a meeting or has failed to call a meeting within seven days of the presentation of the requisition; or

- d) the Monitoring Officer or the Chief Finance Officer in pursuance of their statutory duties.

3.2 **Business**

Any request or requisition for an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council shall specify the reason for the calling of the meeting and give notice of a motion to be debated, unless the purpose is to receive reports or adoption of recommendations of Committees or Officers or any resolutions following from them. No business other than that specified in the summons to the meeting may be considered at an extraordinary meeting.

4. **NOTICE AND SUMMONS TO MEETINGS**

- 4.1 The Chief Executive or nominated Officer shall give notice to the public of the date, time and place of any meeting in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules at Part 4B of this Constitution. At least five clear working days before a meeting, the Chief Executive or deputed Officer shall send a summons by post or by electronic mail to every Member of the Council or leave it at their usual place of residence. Every Member of the Council will be served with a copy of the summons prior to the meeting, unless they give written notice to the Chief Executive or nominated Officer that they do not wish to receive a physical copy. The summons shall give the date, time and place of each meeting and specify the business to be transacted and shall be accompanied by any reports to be considered.
- 4.1A For all purposes of these Rules and the Constitution in general, the terms “notice”, “summons”, “agenda”, “report”, “written record” and “background papers” when referred to as being a document that is:
 - a) “open to inspection”, shall include for these and all other purposes as being published on the website of the Council; and
 - b) to be published, posted or made available at offices of the Authority, shall include publication on the website of the Authority.

5. **CHAIR OF MEETING**

- 5.1 The Mayor shall preside at meetings of the Council and may exercise any power or duty of the Chair in ensuring the proper conduct of the meeting. If the Mayor is absent, the Deputy Mayor shall preside. If both are absent, the members of the Council in attendance shall appoint one of their number to Chair that meeting.
- 5.2 Whenever the Mayor speaks during a debate, or should the Mayor stand at any point during a meeting, or should the Mayor declare “Mayor standing” at any meeting being held wholly or in part by remote means, any Member speaking or standing shall fall silent, and the meeting shall fall silent also.

6. MEMBERS SPEAKING TO THE COUNCIL

- 6.1 A Member shall speak to address the Council only when called upon by the Chair of the meeting. A Member called to speak shall, if present at the physical location of a meeting and able, stand when speaking and shall address the Mayor. If two or more Members indicate they wish to speak, the Mayor shall call on one to speak.

7. QUORUM

- 7.1 No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Council unless at least one quarter of the whole number of Members of the Council are present. If, at the expiration of 15 minutes after the time for which any meeting is called, a quorum is not present then the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor or in the absence of both, the Monitoring Officer or his/her representative shall state that no meeting shall take place. If, during a meeting, a quorum is questioned and the Mayor, after counting the number of Members present, declares that there is not a quorum present, the meeting shall stand adjourned for an appropriate period to be determined by the Mayor.

8. DURATION OF MEETING

8.1 Interruption of the Meeting

Unless otherwise stated on the summons or provided for in accordance with Procedure Rule 2.1, at 9.30pm the Mayor will cease all debate and any Member speaking must immediately sit down. The Mayor will call for the vote immediately on the item under discussion. The vote will then be taken in the usual way without any further discussion.

8.2 Motions and Recommendations Not Dealt With

If there are other motions or recommendations on the summons that have not been dealt with by 9.30 pm or such other time arising from Procedure Rule 8.1 above and the mover indicates that he/she wishes it to be determined at the current meeting the Mayor shall then establish whether there is any opposition to the resolution. If that be the case then the Mayor will take one speech from the mover and one other member in opposition before the vote is taken. Any other outstanding motions or amendments will be moved and seconded and the vote will be taken without further debate until each outstanding matter has been concluded.

8.3 Recorded Vote

If during this process a recorded vote is requisitioned in accordance with Procedure Rule 16.3, the vote will be taken immediately.

9. SIGNING OF MINUTES

- 9.1 As soon as the Mayor has put the question that the Minutes of the last preceding meeting of the Council be signed as a correct record, any Member of the Council may put to the Mayor any question which has reference to their accuracy and no motion or discussion shall take place upon the Minutes, except upon their accuracy, and any question of their accuracy shall be raised by motion. If no such question is raised, or if it is raised, then as soon as it has been disposed of, the Mayor shall sign the minutes.
- 9.2 At an extraordinary meeting of the Council the minutes of the preceding meeting need not be signed and may instead be signed at the next ordinary meeting.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

10.1 Notice of Public Questions

Written notice of the public question must be delivered to the Head of Democratic Services no later than noon on the day prior to the Full Council meeting (12 noon two working days before the meeting for all other Council Committees). Delivery includes the submission of questions via electronic media. Questions can only be submitted by those who reside or own a business within the Borough and the notice of the public question must include the questioner's name and full postal address.

10.2 Scope of Questions

Questions can be asked of Cabinet Members. Questions may only be asked on services provided by or commissioned by the Council. Questions may not be accepted if the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer, considers that the question:

- a) is not about a matter for which the Council provides or commissions services;
- b) requires or is likely to lead to the disclosure of exempt or confidential information;
- c) is defamatory, offensive, factually incorrect or uses inflammatory language;
- d) is substantially the same as a question which has been asked at a Council meeting in the past six months;
- e) is formed to make a statement rather than to receive information.

The question must not exceed more than 100 words.

10.3 Order of Questions

Questions from members of the public will be taken in the order received. Multiple questions by the same member of the public will only be considered after questions submitted singly, and then in the order of all second questions submitted, then all third questions submitted and so on.

10.4 **Asking the Question at the Meeting**

The Mayor will advise of the name of a questioner and will either read out the question or ask for the question to be read out to the Council.

10.5 **Answers to Questions**

The relevant Cabinet Member or their Deputy may respond and the time allowed for responses to be limited to a maximum of two minutes each.

10.6 **Record of Questions**

Notices of questions will be dated and numbered as received and be open to public inspection.

10.7 **Time Limit on Public Questions**

The time allowed for public questions will be a maximum of 15 minutes.

11. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

11.1 **Questions to Leader and Cabinet Members**

Advance notice of questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members is not required. However, if a detailed or technical answer is expected at the meeting, notice should be given to the Chief Executive by noon at least two working days before the date of the meeting of Council. The time allowed to put the question shall be limited to a maximum of two minutes for each question.

11.2 **Answers to Questions**

An answer may be provided in the form of: a)

A direct oral answer;

b) A reference to a publication of the Council containing the desired information; or

c) In the case of a detailed or technical response, a written response. The time allowed for responses is limited to a maximum of two minutes for each question.

11.3 **Supplementary Questions and Observations**

After a question has been responded to, a Member may ask one supplementary question or make an observation which must relate to the original question or response.

12. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

12.1 **Notice**

Except for Motions which can be moved without notice under Procedure Rule 12.4, written or electronic notice of every motion, including those motions to be submitted by the Youth Council, signed by at least one Member, must be delivered to the Chief Executive no later than noon, seven working days before

the meeting of Council. Such notices will be dated and numbered as received, filed in the office of the Chief Executive and be open to public inspection.

12.2 **Scope**

Every notice of motion will be relevant to some matter over which the Council has an influence.

12.3 **Motions not accepted**

If notice is given of any motion which, in the opinion of the Chief Executive is out of order, illegal, irregular or improper, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor and Monitoring Officer, shall determine whether to accept its inclusion on the agenda. If a motion is not deemed acceptable the Chief Executive shall inform the member who gave notice of the item.

12.4 **Mover of Motion**

12.4.1 No motion of which notice has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 12 shall be moved in the absence of the Member of the Council in whose name it stands, unless he or she has given their authority in writing to the Chief Executive that the business shall be taken over by some other Member. Unless moved in accordance with this Procedure Rule or postponed by leave of the Council, such motion shall be considered as dropped and shall not be again moved without fresh notice.

12.4.2 A Member shall not speak more than once on any motion except to move or speak to an amendment, except in the exercise of the right of reply, or on a point of order, or by way of personal explanation.

12.4.3 **Secunder of Motion**

No motion of which notice has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 12 shall be seconded in the absence of the Member of the Council in whose name it stands, unless he or she has given notice in writing to the Chief Executive that the business shall be seconded by another Member.

12.4.4 **Motions without Notice**

The following motions may be moved without notice:

- a) to appoint a Chairman of the meeting at which the motion is made;
- b) motions relating to the accuracy of the minutes
- c) to change the order of business in the agenda;
- d) to refer something to an appropriate body or individual;
- e) to appoint a Committee or an individual arising from an item on the summons;
- f) to receive reports or recommendations of the Executive, Committees or officers and determine any resolutions following from them;
- g) to withdraw a motion;
- h) to proceed to the next business;

- i) that the question be now put;
- j) to adjourn a debate;
- k) to adjourn a meeting;
- l) to extend the time limit for speeches as detailed in Procedure Rule 14.5;
- m) that the meeting continue beyond 9.30 pm or such other time as provided for under Procedure Rule 8.1 above;
- n) to suspend a particular Procedure Rule;
- o) that the Council does resolve itself into Committee;
- p) to exclude the public and press in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules;
- q) to give the consent of the Council where the consent of the Council is required by the Constitution.

12.5 Alteration of Motions

A Member may alter a motion which he/she has proposed, or of which notice has been given, with the consent of the seconder and of the Council. The consent of the meeting will be signified without discussion.

12.6 Motions Contravening Financial Procedure Rules

12.6.1 Any motion or report submitted to the Council which, if carried, would increase the Council's net revenue or capital budget or might otherwise contravene Financial Procedure Rules shall stand adjourned without debate and be referred to the Cabinet to receive a report on the detailed financial implications. When the Council reconvenes to consider the motion or report it shall receive the recommendation of the Cabinet on the matter before making a decision on the motion or report and on whether to effect any change to the Council's approved Budget.

12.6.2 In the event of urgency, the Council may consider such an item without delay on receipt of a report from the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance as to the financial implications.

12.6.3 Where a report of the Cabinet contains a recommendation at variance with that of another body, the Mayor will call upon the Leader of the Council to move the adoption of the relevant recommendation of the Cabinet. If the matter is then settled or disposed of by the Council, no further discussion on the matter shall take place at that Council meeting and the alternate recommendation shall fall.

13. NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS

13.1 An amendment to any matter contained within the summons to the meeting shall not be discussed unless the mover has given written or electronic notice of the text of the amendment in writing to the Chief Executive not later than noon the day preceding the meeting.

- 13.2 Where notice has been given of more than one amendment to a recommendation or a motion under Procedure Rule 12.1, those amendments shall be considered and put in the order of receipt of the notice.
- 13.3 It is not permissible to amend an amendment.
- 13.4 Amendments may only be merged or composited with the approval of the proposer and seconder of the amendment.

14. RULES OF DEBATE

14.1 No Speeches until Motion or Amendment Seconded

A motion or amendment shall not be discussed unless it has been proposed and seconded.

14.2 Right to Require Motion in Writing

Unless notice of the Motion has already been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 12 or the Motion is to be moved under Procedure Rule 12.4 it shall be reduced to writing and handed to the Mayor before it is further discussed or put to the meeting.

14.3 Secunder's Speech

Any Member who seconds a motion or amendment without making a speech may reserve his/her right to speak at a later period of the debate.

14.4 Content of Speeches

A Member shall direct their speech to the question under discussion or to a point of personal explanation or to a point of order.

14.5 Length of Speeches

14.5.1 Speeches - No Member may speak for longer than four minutes on any motion or amendment. The Council may consent to one extension of thirty seconds per speech.

14.5.2 Replies - A Member replying to debate on any motion or amendment may speak for six minutes. The Council may consent to one extension of one minute per reply.

14.6 Amendments to Motions

14.6.1 An amendment to a motion must be relevant to the motion and will either be:

- a) to refer the matter to an appropriate body or individual for consideration or reconsideration;
 - b) to leave out words;
 - c) to leave out words and insert or add others (It is not permissible to delete a motion in its entirety and replace with a differently worded amendment);
- or

- d) to insert or add words; providing the effect of b) and d) is not to negate the motion or introduce a new proposal into the motion.

14.6.2 Only one amendment may be moved and discussed at any one time. No further amendment may be moved until the amendment under discussion has been disposed of.

14.6.3 If an amendment is rejected, other amendments may be moved on the original motion.

14.6.4 If an amendment is carried, the motion as amended, will take the place of the original motion and will become the substantive motion upon which any further amendment may be moved.

14.7 **Withdrawal of Motion**

A Member may withdraw a motion which he/she has proposed or of which notice has been given with the consent of the seconder and of the Council, the meeting's consent will be signified without discussion. No member shall speak on the motion after the proposer has asked permission for its withdrawal, unless such permission is refused.

14.8 **Right of Reply**

- a) The mover of a motion shall have a right of reply at the close of the debate on the motion, immediately before it is put to the vote.
- b) If an amendment is proposed, the proposer of the original motion is entitled to reply at the close of the debate on the amendment.
- c) The proposer of the amendment shall have a right to reply at the close of the debate on the amendment immediately before it is put to the vote.
- d) After every right of reply a decision shall be taken without further discussion.
- e) A Member exercising a right of reply shall not introduce a new matter.
- f) If any business is moved by the Leader of the Council at the closing of the debate the main Opposition Party Group Leader shall have a right to speak prior to the Leader exercising their right of reply.

14.9 **Motions which may be Moved During Debate**

When a motion is under debate, no other motion shall be moved except the following procedural motions:

- a) to withdraw a motion;
- b) to amend a motion;
- c) to proceed to the next business;
- d) that the question be now put;
- e) to adjourn a debate;
- f) to adjourn a meeting;
- g) to resolve into a Committee in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.4;
- h) to refer the subject of debate to Cabinet or an Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- i) to exclude the press and public in accordance with the Access to

- Information Procedure Rules;
- j) to not hear further, or to exclude from the meeting, a member named under Procedure Rule 17.

14.10 Closure Motions

14.10.1 A Member who has not spoken on the matter before the Council may, at the conclusion of a speech of another Member, move without comment:

"That the matter be now put";

"That the debate be now adjourned";

"That the Council proceeds to the next business";

"That the Council does now adjourn"; or

"That *the subject of debate* be referred to the Cabinet" or "to an Overview and Scrutiny Committee", as the case may be"

14.10.2 On seconding of any of the above, the Mayor will, if he/she considers that the matter before the meeting has been sufficiently discussed, put that closure motion to the vote. If such a motion is carried, the matter before the meeting shall be put to the vote, subject to the right of reply under Procedure Rule 14.8, or the debate shall be adjourned, or the Council shall proceed to the next business or the Council shall stand adjourned, or the business shall stand referred, as the case may be.

14.11 Points of Order or Personal Explanation

14.11.1 A Member may raise a point of order or make a personal explanation at any time.

14.11.2 A point of order is an objection submitted to the Mayor claiming some irregularity in the Constitution or the conduct of the meeting or a breach of the law such as:

- a) the use of irrelevant or improper language;
- b) a quorum is not present;
- c) an amendment negates the motion before the meeting;
- d) the motion is ultra vires or not within the scope of the notice given;
- e) no question is before the meeting; or
- f) these Procedure Rules are not being complied with.

14.11.3 A point of order relates to procedure only, and not the arguments or principals or political views put forward, nor with the truth or falsehood, correctness or incorrectness of statements made in the course of debate. A Member raising a point of order may not make a speech beyond clarification of the point of order. Any member raising a point of order shall state at the outset the Procedure Rule considered to have been infringed. Every point of order shall be decided by the Mayor, whose ruling shall be final and not open to discussion, before the debate on the business proceeds.

14.11.4 A personal explanation shall be confined to clarifying briefly some material part of a former speech by that Member at the same meeting which may have been

misunderstood. A personal explanation may also enable a Member to refute or correct a statement attributed to him/her in any action he/she may have taken. The ruling of the Mayor on a point of order or on the admissibility of a personal explanation shall be final and may not be discussed.

15. **RESCISSION OF PRECEDING RESOLUTION**

No question or matter which within any Municipal Year has been twice decided by the Council in the same way shall, in the same Municipal Year, again be submitted for consideration, and this Procedure Rule shall not be evaded by the substitution of any motion differently worded, but, in principle, the same.

16. **VOTING**

16.1 **Majority**

Unless this Constitution or the law provides otherwise, any matter will be determined by a show of hands, and by a simple majority of those Members voting and present in the room at the time the question was put.

16.2 **Chairman's Casting Vote**

In the case of equality of votes, the Mayor shall have a second or casting vote.

16.3 **Recorded Vote**

If required by law or on the requisition of any member supported by five other Members who signify their support by show of hands before the voting on any question, the vote shall be recorded as to how each Member present and voting gave his/her vote. Immediately after any vote is taken at a budget meeting of the Council there must be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of that meeting the names of the members who cast a vote for the decision or against the decision or who abstained from voting . " Budget decision meeting " means a meeting of the Council at which it makes a calculation under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 or issues a precept under Chapter 4 of Part 1 of that Act.

16.4 **Individual Member Recorded Vote**

Where, immediately after a vote is taken at a meeting of the Council, any Member so requires, the Minutes of Council will record whether that person cast his or her vote for the question or against the question, or whether he/she abstained from voting.

16.5 **Voting on Appointments**

16.5.1 Where there are more than two persons nominated for any position to be filled by the Council, and of the votes given there is not a majority in favour of one person, the name of the person receiving the least number of votes of those present and voting shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote shall be taken, and so on until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person.

16.5.2 Where there are at any time two or more vacancies on the same body to be filled by the Council and more persons are nominated to fill those vacancies, each vacancy shall be dealt with separately in accordance with paragraph a) above.

17. MEMBERS' CONDUCT

17.1 The Mayor may call the attention of the Council to continued irrelevancy, tedious repetition, unbecoming language or any breach of order on the part of a Member addressing the meeting and, after two warnings, shall not allow the Member to proceed. The Mayor shall call upon another Member to address the Council or, if no Member shall rise (subject to the right of the Mover to reply), put the question to the vote without further debate.

17.2 No Member may impute motives to, or use offensive expressions concerning, any other Member of the Council. In the event of any Member offending against this Rule, the Mayor may call upon the Member to withdraw the offensive remark.

17.3 If any Member of the Council persists in disregarding the authority of the Mayor or behaves irregularly, improperly or offensively or wilfully obstructs the business of the Council, the Mayor may call upon the Member to retire from the meeting for the remainder of the business.

18. SUSPENSION OF SITTING

In a case of defiance of the authority of the Mayor, the Mayor may, on obtaining the consent of a majority of the Members of the Council present and voting on the question so to do, have the offending Member or Members of the Council, removed, and either declare the meeting closed (and leave the Chair) or declare the meeting to be adjourned indefinitely or until some stated time. Upon such declaration the meeting shall forthwith be closed or stand adjourned accordingly, and no business shall be transacted until the next duly convened meeting, or until the resumption of the meeting, in accordance with the Mayor's pronouncement.

19. POWER TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE

19.1 Should a Motion be moved in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.4(p) at the close of any speech, the Council may pass a resolution resolving itself into Committee.

19.2 These Council Procedure Rules shall apply to proceedings of the Council in Committee, except that any Member may speak more than once with the permission of the Mayor.

20. QUESTIONS AND CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

- 20.1 If any question arises on any matter as to the appointment, promotion, dismissal, salary or conditions of service, or as to the conduct of any person employed by the Council, such question shall not be the subject of discussion until the Council has decided whether or not the power of exclusion of the public under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 shall be exercised.
- 20.2 If any question arises on any matter and it is questioned whether a consideration of that matter will require matters containing confidential or exempt information to be disclosed, such question shall not be the subject of discussion until the Council has decided whether or not the power of exclusion of the public under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 shall be exercised.

21. ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC TO MEETINGS

- 21.1 The public shall be admitted to all meetings of the Council so far as there is accommodation, but:
- a) at any meeting the Council may temporarily exclude the public from such meeting or any part thereof in accordance with Section 100A(2) or (4) of the Local Government Act 1972;
 - b) if a member of the public interrupts the proceedings at any meeting, the Mayor may, after warning, order that he/she be removed from the Council Chamber or that the part of the Chamber open to the public be cleared in accordance with Section 100A(8) of the Local Government Act 1972;
 - c) if a member of the public making an audio or video recording of the meeting causes disruption to the meeting or to other members of the public in attendance, the person shall comply with any direction of the Mayor;
 - d) a member of the public making an audio or video recording of the meeting shall remove their recording equipment from the room should the Council resolve to exclude the press and public.
- 21.2 Any person attending a meeting for the purpose of reporting the proceedings is to have reasonable facilities made available for taking their report.

22. ANNUAL BOROUGH REPORT

The Mayor will call upon the Leader to present an Annual Borough Report. After Council has considered the report it will be:

- a) disseminated as widely as possible within the community and to agencies and organisations in the area; and

- b) considered by the Leader in proposing the Budget and Policy framework to the Council for the coming year.

23. YOUTH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

The Mayor will call upon the Youth Council on a date within the Municipal Year to present to Council an annual presentation of work undertaken by the Youth Council.

24. RULES WHICH APPLY TO COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

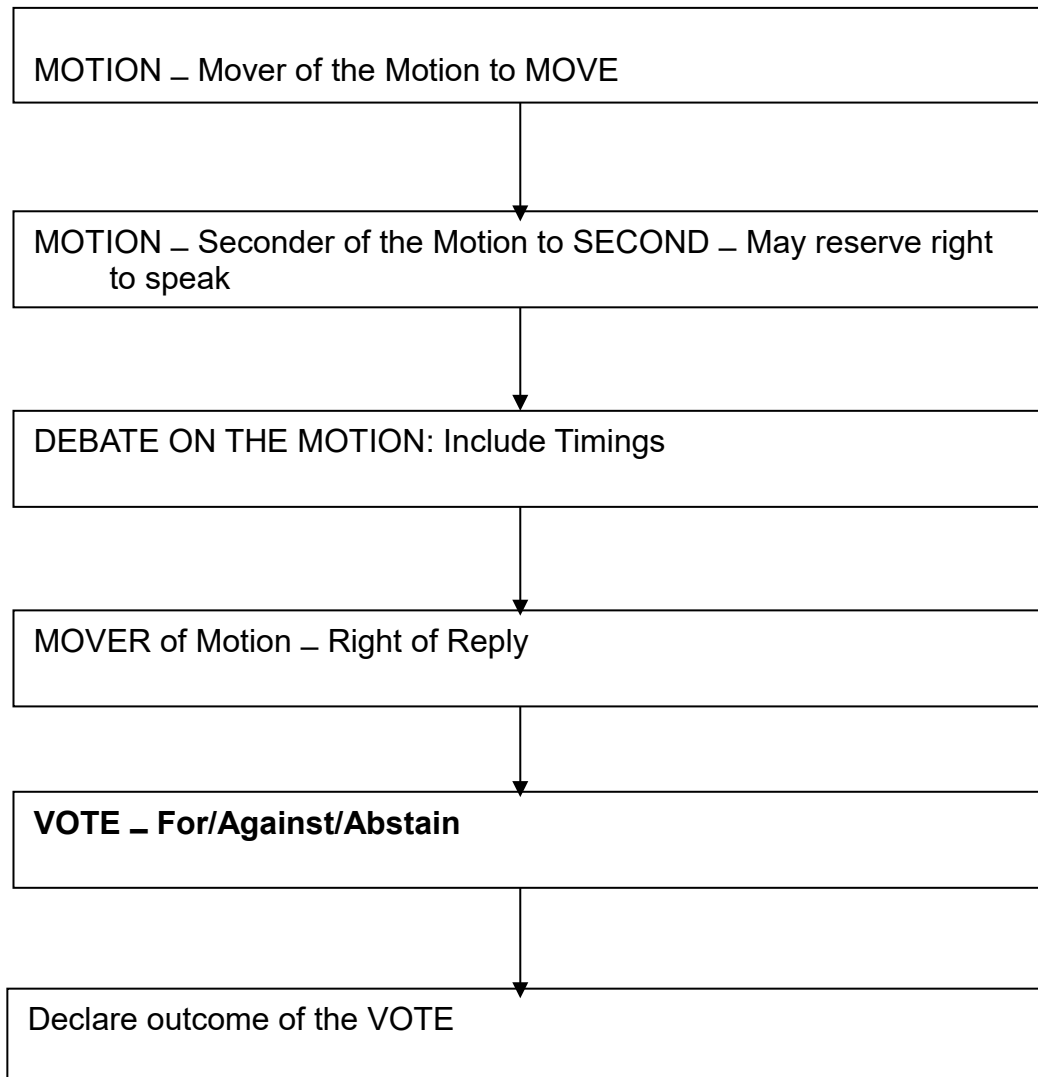
The following Council Procedure Rules will apply to all Committees and SubCommittees of the Council as described within Section 4 of Part 3 of this Constitution -

- Rule 4 Notice and Summons to Meeting
- Rule 5 Chair of Meeting (reference to the Mayor or Chair also includes the chair of Committees and sub – committees)
- Rule 6 Speaking to the Council (except for requirement to stand when speaking)
- Rule 7 Quorum (quorum for individual meetings are specified at Section 4 of Part 3 of this Constitution)
- Rule 9 Signing of Minutes
- Rule 10 Public Questions (for all non-full Council Meetings, a public question must be received before 12 noon 2 working days before the date of the meeting)
- Rule 14 Rules of Debate (except for time limits on speaking and, with the consent of the Chair, a Member may speak more than once on any matter)
- Rule 16 Voting (but not 16.3)
- Rule 17 Members' Conduct
- Rule 18 Suspension of Sitting
- Rule 20 Questions and Confidential or Exempt Information
- Rule 21 Admission of the public to meetings

AGENDA AND TIMINGS FOR COUNCIL MEETING

1. Minutes
2. Declaration of interest
3. Urgent business
4. Communications
5. Petitions
6. Youth Council **20** mins
7. Public questions **15** mins
8. Leader and Cabinet member reports and questions **90** mins
9. Administration Motions **30** mins
10. Opposition Motions **30** mins
11. Other business, including reports

Note Any time not utilised in Items 1 – 10 will be allocated to Item 11.
PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE OF MOTIONS (NO AMENDMENT)

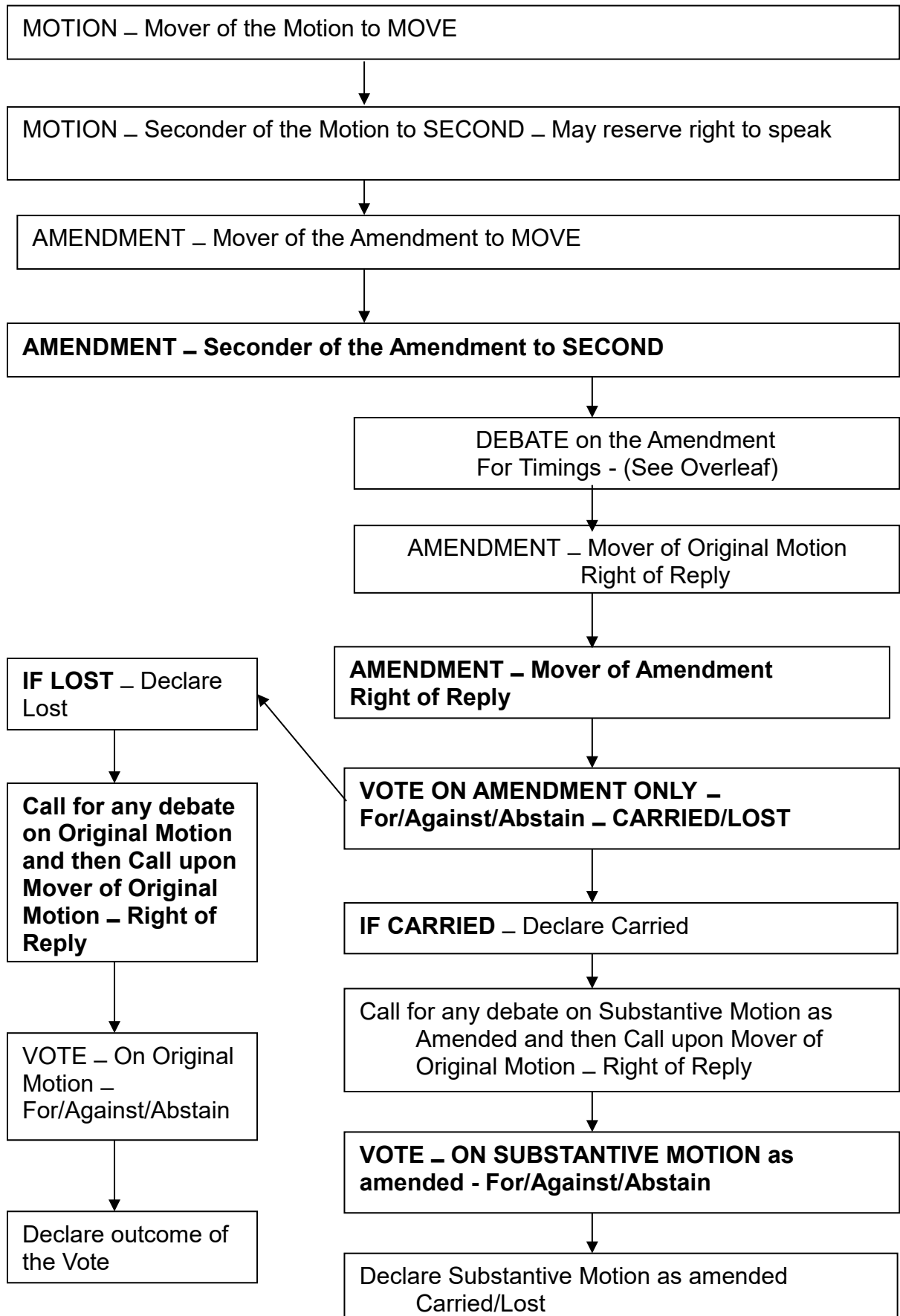


RULE ON TIMINGS

(a) Subject to (b) below, no Member shall speak longer than four minutes on any **Motion or Amendment**, or by way of question, observation or reply, unless by consent of the Members of the Council present, he/she is allowed an extension, in which case only one extension of thirty seconds shall be allowed.

(b) A Member replying to debate or questions shall be entitled to speak for six Minutes, and shall be allowed, with the consent of the Members of the Council present, on extension of one minute. (This would be the MOVER)

PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE OF MOTIONS (WITH AMENDMENT)



APPENDIX 2



Part 4C
Budget and Policy Framework
Procedure Rules

PART 4C - BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK PROCEDURE RULES

1. THE FRAMEWORK FOR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Council will be responsible for the approval and adoption of the Budget and related policies and strategies and the policies, strategies and plans that form the Policy Framework as set out in Article 4 at Part 2 of this Constitution. Once the budget or a Policy Framework item has been formally approved by the Council, it is the responsibility of the Executive to implement it.

2. PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING THE BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 2.1 The Executive will publicise in the Key Decision Document required by Access to Information Procedure Rules at Part 4B of this Constitution the timetable for making proposals to the Council for the adoption of the Budget and related items and any item within the Policy Framework, including arrangements for consultation on the initial proposals. This includes also any draft policies, strategies or plans included within the scope of the Policy Framework that require the approval of the Council prior to submission to the Secretary of State or any Minister of the Crown for his/her approval. The chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees will also be notified of the timetable. The consultation period shall in each instance be not less than 6 weeks unless the Government or other relevant body issues guidelines requiring a shorter period of time.
- 2.2 At the end of the consultation period, the Cabinet will draw up final proposals having regard to the responses to that consultation, including any response from the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Cabinet will take any response into account in drawing up final proposals for submission to the Council, and its report to Council recommending a decision will reflect the comments made by consultees and the Cabinet's response.

3. PROCEDURE FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION – PLANS AND STRATEGIES

- 3.1 This procedure applies in relation to those plans and strategies forming the policy framework of the Council as set out on Article 4 of this Constitution, Rules 3.2 to 3.5 below have been incorporated into these Rules as required by the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001.
- 3.2 Where the Cabinet has submitted a draft plan or strategy to the Council for its consideration and, following consideration of that draft plan or strategy, the Council has any objections to it, the Council must take the action set out in Rule 3.3.
- 3.3 Subject to 3.6 below, before the Council:
 - (a) amends the draft plan or strategy;
 - (b) approves, for the purpose of its submission to the Secretary of State or any Minister of the Crown for his/her approval, any plan or strategy (whether or not in the form of a draft) of which any part is required to be so submitted; or

(c) adopts (with or without modification) the plan or strategy,

It must inform the Executive Leader of any objections which it has to the draft plan or strategy and must give to him/her instructions requiring the Cabinet to reconsider, in the light of those objections, the draft plan or strategy submitted to it.

3.4 Where the Council gives instructions in accordance of Rule 3.3, it must specify a period of at least five working days beginning on the day after the date on which the Executive Leader receives the instructions on behalf of the Cabinet within which the Executive leader may:

- a) submit a revision of the draft plan or strategy as amended by the Cabinet (the "revised draft plan or strategy") with the Cabinet's reasons for any amendments made to the draft plan or strategy, to the Council for the Council's consideration; or
- b) inform the Council of any disagreement that the Cabinet has with any of the Council's objections and the Cabinet's reasons for any such disagreement.

3.5 When the period specified by the Council, referred to in Rule 3.4 has expired, the Council must, when:

- a) amending the draft plan or strategy or, if there is one, the revised draft plan or strategy;
- b) approving, for the purpose of its submission to the Secretary of State or any Minister of the Crown for his/her approval, any plan or strategy (whether or not in the form of a draft or revised draft) of which any part is required to be so submitted; or
- c) adopting (with or without modification) the plan or strategy,

take into account any amendments made to the draft plan or included in any revised draft plan or strategy, the Cabinet's reasons for those amendments, any disagreement that the Cabinet has with any of the Council's objections and the Cabinet reasons for that disagreement, which the executive leader submitted to the Council, or informed the Council of, within the period specified.

3.6 Where an amendment to a draft plan or strategy has been submitted the Executive Leader may indicate on behalf of the Cabinet that s/he accepts the amendment. In these circumstances, the amendment will be regarded as incorporated in the draft strategy before Council and not (for the purposes of Rules 3.2 to 3.5 above) as an objection to it.

4. PROCEDURE FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION – REVENUE BUDGET

4.1 This procedure applies to estimates and calculations relating to the revenue budget and Council Tax. Rules 4.2 to 4.5 below have been incorporated into these Rules as required by the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001.

4.2 Where, before 8th February in any financial year, the Cabinet submits to the Council for its consideration in relation to the following financial year:-

(a) estimates of the amounts to be aggregated in making a calculation (whether originally or by way of substitute) in accordance with any of sections 31A, 31B, 34 to 36A, or 52ZF, the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

(b) estimates of other amounts to be used for the purposes of such a calculation; or

(c) estimates of such a calculation

and following consideration of those estimates or amounts the Council has any objections to them; it must take the action set out in Rule 4.3.

Before the Council makes a calculation (whether originally or by way of substitute) in accordance with any of the sections referred to in Rule 4.2(a), it must inform the Executive Leader of any objections which it has to the Cabinet estimates or amounts and must give to him/her instructions requiring the Cabinet to reconsider, in the light of those objections, those estimates and amounts in accordance with the Council's requirements.

4.4 Where the Council gives instructions in accordance with Rule 4.3, it must specify a period of at least five working days beginning on the day after the date on which the Executive Leader receives the instructions on behalf of the Cabinet within which the Executive Leader may:

a) submit a revision of the estimates or amounts as amended by the Cabinet ("revised estimates or amounts"), which have been reconsidered in accordance with the Council's requirements, with the Cabinet reasons for any amendments made to the estimates or amounts, to the Council for the Council's consideration; or

b) Inform the Council of any disagreement that the Cabinet has with any of the Council's objections and the Cabinet's reasons for any such disagreement.

4.5 When the period specified by the Council, referred to in Rule 4.4 has expired, the Council must, when making calculations (whether originally or by way of substitute) in accordance with the sections referred to in Rule 4.2 (a) take into account:

a) any amendments to the estimates or amounts that are included in any revised estimates or amounts;

b) the Cabinet's reasons for those amendments

c) any disagreement that the Cabinet has with any of the Council's objections, and

d) the Cabinet's reasons for that disagreement

which the Executive Leader submitted to the Council, or informed the Council of, within the period specified.

Rule 4.2 to 4.4 shall not apply in relation to calculations or substitute calculations which the Council are required to make in accordance with Sections 52 (I) (J) (T) or (U) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

4.6 Where estimates and calculations are drawn up by the Cabinet on or after 8th February in any financial year and are submitted to the Council for their consideration, the procedure in Rules 4.2 to 4.5 will not apply.

5. DECISIONS OUTSIDE THE BUDGET OR POLICY FRAMEWORK

5.1 Subject to the provisions of Procedure Rule 7 (Virement), the Cabinet, Committees or Boards of the Cabinet, individual members of the Cabinet and any Officers or joint arrangements discharging executive functions may only take decisions which are in line with the Budget and Policy Framework. If any of these bodies or persons wishes to make a decision which is contrary to the Policy Framework, or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the Budget approved by full Council, then that decision may only be taken by the Council, subject to Procedure Rule 6 below.

5.2 In such cases, the Cabinet, Committees or Boards of the Cabinet, individual members of the Cabinet and any Officers or joint arrangements discharging executive functions shall take advice from the Monitoring Officer and/or the Chief Finance Officer. If the advice of either Officer is that the decision would not be in line with the existing Budget and/or Policy Framework, the decision must be referred by that body or person to the Council for decision, unless the decision is a matter of urgency, in which case the provisions in Procedure Rule 6 (urgent decisions outside the budget or policy framework) shall apply.

6. URGENT DECISIONS OUTSIDE THE BUDGET OR POLICY FRAMEWORK

The Cabinet, Committees or Boards of the Cabinet, individual members of the Cabinet and any Officers or joint arrangements discharging executive functions may take a decision which is contrary to the Council's Policy Framework or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the budget approved by full Council if the decision is a matter of urgency. However, the decision may only be taken:

- a) if it is not practical to convene a quorate meeting of the full Council; and
- b) if the chair of a relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees that the decision is a matter of urgency.

The reasons why it is not practical to convene a quorate meeting of the Council and the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee's consent to the decision being taken as a matter of urgency must be noted on the record of the decision. In the absence of the chair of a relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee the consent of the Mayor, and in the absence of both the Deputy Mayor, will be sufficient.

Following the decision, the decision taker will provide a full report to the next available Council meeting explaining the decision, the reasons for it and why the decision was treated as a matter of urgency.

7. VIREMENT

Virement approvals are contained in 3.6-3.16 of the Financial Procedure Rules.

8. IN-YEAR CHANGES TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

In approving a Policy Framework item, the Council shall specify the extent and nature of any changes to such an item that may be made by the Cabinet. Otherwise, no changes to any policy, plan or strategy which make up the Policy Framework may be made by the Cabinet.

9. CALL-IN OF DECISIONS OUTSIDE THE BUDGET OR POLICY FRAMEWORK

9.1 Where an Overview and Scrutiny Committee is of the opinion that a key decision is, or if made would be, contrary to the Policy Framework, or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the Council's budget, then it shall seek advice from the Monitoring Officer and/or the Chief Finance Officer.

9.2 In respect of functions which are the responsibility of the Executive, the Monitoring Officer's report and/or Chief Finance Officer's report shall be to the Cabinet with a copy to every member of the Council. Regardless of whether the decision is delegated or not, the Cabinet must meet to decide what action to take in respect of the Monitoring Officer's and/or the Chief Finance Officer's report and to prepare a report to either:

a) the Council in the event that the Monitoring Officer or the Chief Finance Officer concludes that the decision was a departure from the Budget or

Policy Framework; or

b) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee if the Monitoring Officer or the Chief Finance Officer conclude that the decision was not a departure from the Budget or Policy Framework.

9.3 If the decision has yet to be made or has been made but not yet implemented, and the advice from the Monitoring Officer and/or the Chief Finance Officer is that the decision is or would be contrary to the Policy Framework or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the Budget, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may refer the matter to Council. In such cases, no further action will be taken in respect of the decision or its implementation until the Council has met and considered the matter. The Council shall meet within ten working days of the request by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. At the meeting it will receive a report of the decision or proposals and the advice of the Monitoring Officer and/or the Chief Finance Officer. The Council may either:

a) endorse a decision or proposal of the Cabinet decision taker as falling within the existing Budget and Policy Framework and the decision may be implemented with immediate effect; or

b) accept that the decision or proposal is contrary to the Policy Framework or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the Budget but resolve to

amend the Council's Financial Regulations, the Budget or policy concerned to encompass the decision or proposal of the body or individual responsible for that executive function and the decision may be implemented with immediate effect; or

- c) accept that the decision or proposal is contrary to the Policy Framework or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the Budget but does not resolve to amend the Council's Financial Regulations, the Budget or policy concerned to accommodate it and require the Cabinet to reconsider the matter in accordance with the advice of either the Monitoring Officer/Chief Finance Officer .

Appendix 3

Planning Committee

4.2 Planning Committee

The Planning Committee will undertake Council (or 'non-executive') functions as defined in Part A of Schedule 1 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) Regulations 2000 (as amended) in respect of planning applications and related matters as follows:

- a) Applications for minerals or waste development;
- b) Applications involving the provision of: i. 20 or more dwellings; or ii. Residential development on a site area of 1 hectare or more;
- c) Applications for the provision of a building or buildings where the floor space to be created by the development is 1000 square metres or more;
- d) Applications for retail, commercial, industrial or other development on a site having an area of 1 hectare or more;
- e) Applications which require an environmental statement;
- f) Applications which are notifiable departures from the Council's Development Plan, other than applications which the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) is minded to refuse;
- g) Applications to be considered under the referral procedure or referred at the discretion of the Assistant Director Planning, Transport and Housing Delivery;
- h) Applications submitted by a Councillor, senior Council Officer (Officers on senior manager pay grade and above) or a member of staff employed within the Planning and Development Management service area, or by an immediate family member or partner of these persons, which would otherwise be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place);
- i) Applications to remove or vary conditions where the relevant planning condition was agreed by the Planning Committee in addition to those recommended in the Officer's report;
- j) Consultations from adjoining local authorities, including the Peak District National Park Authority, which fall into the categories 1 (a-d) above, where an objection is raised to the proposed development;

k) The nomination of a Member of the Committee to represent the Council at any subsequent hearing or inquiry where the decision was made contrary to Officer advice;

l) Major applications involving the Council either as applicant or land owner; or

m) Minor applications involving the Council either as applicant or land owner where that application does not accord with the adopted Development Plan or there has been objection received to the application.

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Report to COUNCIL

Appointment of Independent Members on the Independent Remuneration Panel

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Council is required to appoint independent members on the Independent Remuneration Panel which makes recommendations to the Council on the Members Allowances scheme.
- 1.2 It is recommended that the term of office of Peter Claber and John Barlow be extended for 4 years up to July 2028. Geoffrey Millard is the other member of the Panel whose term expires in September 2025.
- 1.3 It is proposed to appoint another independent member to the Panel and a report will be presented to Council when the process is complete.

2. Recommendation

To reappoint the independent members on the Independent Remuneration Panel as detailed in paragraph 1.2 of the report.

1 **Options/Alternatives**

1.1 The Council is required to appoint an Independent Remuneration Panel.

2 **Financial Implications**

2.1 None

3 **Legal Implications**

3.1 None.

4 **Oldham Equality Impact Assessment, including implications for Children and Young People**

4.1 None

5 **Key Decision**

5.1 No

6 **Key Decision Reference**

6.1 N/A

7 **Background Papers**

7.1 None