

**CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD**

MEETING: Chadderton Neighbourhood Board (Pride in Place – Plan for Neighbourhoods)

DATE: Tuesday, 18 November 2025

TIME: 13:00

VENUE: Chadderton Wellbeing Centre, Burnley Street, Chadderton

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Ahmad, Zakir	CEO, Yuvanis Foundation
	Ashraf, Kashif	Oldham President, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce
	Chamberlain, Chris	Chief Executive, Oldham RLFC Foundation
	Consterdine, Neil	Director of Communities, Oldham Council
	Freaney, Nicky	NW Group Employer and Partnership Manager, Department for Work and Pensions
	Mahmood, Aisha	Director, Clear Watch Security
	McLaren, Colin (Vice-Chair)	Chair, Chadderton Together
	Shuttleworth, Councillor Graham	West District Community Lead and Councillor for Chadderton South, Oldham Council
	Taylor, Catherine	Oldham Partnership Manager, Department for Work and Pensions
	Taylor, Councillor Elaine	Deputy Leader, Oldham Council
	Windsor-Welsh, Laura (Chair)	Oldham Director, Action Together
OTHERS PRESENT	Chapman, Dom	Co-Director, Thrive Economics
	Chapman, Suzy	Employer Relationship and Business Development Manager, Oldham College
	Longsdon, Angela	District Co-ordinator for Oldham West (Werneth and Chadderton), Oldham

		Council
	Newton, Tom	Place Making Officer, Oldham Council
	Penn, Jennifer (Minutes)	Place Making Manager, Oldham Council
APOLOGIES RECEIVED	Drake, Rebecca	Director, Fullcircle NW
	Jordan, Simon	Principal and Chief Executive, Oldham College
	Lockwood, Stuart	Chief Executive, Oldham Community Leisure
	Mathieson, Estelle	District Commander Oldham, Greater Manchester Police
	McMahon OBE, Jim	Member of Parliament for Oldham West, Chadderton and Royton
	Nugent, Martin	Senior Policy and Partnership Officer, Safer and Stronger Communities, Greater Manchester Combined Authority
	Shah, Councillor Arooj	Leader, Oldham Council
	Todd, Christina	Director of Communities, First Choice Homes Oldham

1. Welcome and housekeeping (Chair)

Housekeeping matters were covered, and new and returning members were welcomed. A warm welcome was extended to Tom Newton, who has joined Oldham Council's West District Team as a Place Making Officer dedicated to Chadderton (Pride in Place).

2. Introductions and apologies for absence (Chair)

Introductions were made and apologies noted.

3. Notice of any urgent business to be accepted onto the agenda and reasons for that urgency (Chair)

None.

4. Procedural business and any items accepted as urgent business (Chair)

i) Declarations of interest

Existing declarations were noted, and no new declarations were received. To address the remaining gaps in the published register of interests, the Chair asked Board members to either declare interests or confirm they have nothing to declare after the meeting.

**ACTION:** Board members to email Jennifer Penn by 21 November to either declare interests or confirm they have nothing to declare.

ii) Review of minutes and action updates from last meeting

The minutes dated 21 October 2025 were agreed as a true record (proposed by Aisha Mahmood and seconded by Kashif Ashraf) and approved for publication online at [oldham.gov.uk](http://oldham.gov.uk).

*Councillor Elaine Taylor joined the meeting.*

Completed actions were discussed and the following actions were carried forward:

**ACTION:** Board to hold a monitoring and evaluation framework in early 2026, led by a facilitator.

**ACTION:** Aisha Mahmood and Kashif Ashraf to meet in January to start identifying demand for business support and, thereafter, develop a package of financial and non-financial support.

**ACTION:** Neil Consterdine and Angela Longsdon to explore alternative delivery options for the CCTV project and feed back to Councillor Shuttleworth.

**ACTION:** Laura Windsor-Welsh, Colin McLaren, Tom Newton and Liz Dryden-Stuart (Oldham Council) to discuss the work of the New Chadderton Partnership to develop a Neighbourhood Plan by 2027, in the context of the emerging Regeneration Plan and wider programme delivery.

**ACTION:** Oldham Council to develop a communications and engagement plan for the programme, building on Phases 1 and 2 of engagement, and including a review of web content and focus on communications for the next 12 months.

**ACTION:** Businesses on the Board to work up a detailed proposal for the consideration of the owner of Chadderton precinct.

**ACTION:** Board to create a sub-group to appraise projects, including optional business cases.

**ACTION:** Oldham Council to produce a public-facing summary of the Regeneration Plan.

5. National update (Chair / Neil Consterdine)

i) Feedback from meeting with Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Advice will follow about the ability of the Board to use funds to buy private assets/buildings.

6. Finance (Chair / Neil Consterdine)

i) Spend approvals process

The Board has overall responsibility for programme delivery and financial decision-making.

Oldham Council is the lead local authority for the programme, meaning that the Regeneration Plan and 4-Year Investment Plan will be shared with the internal Management Board on 26 November for information and to finalise finance and governance arrangements.

**ACTION:** Oldham Council to provide an overview of expenditure/budget after this meeting, and during each subsequent meeting.

7. Engagement and communications – phase two (Chair)

i) Promoting the Regeneration Plan

The phase two workshops and residents' survey reaffirmed the local priorities identified during phase one. All engagement work has been summarised in the Regeneration Plan and Tom Newton will lead the development of an engagement and communications plan to ensure longterm cross-pollination with other projects and programmes e.g. Live Well. The Regeneration Plan must be developed and promoted as a single plan for Chadderton that is informed and led by residents through a single conversation.

8. Regeneration Plan (Vision and Investment Plan) (Dom Chapman)

i) Review of draft including project specifics

The Regeneration Plan has been updated to reflect the changes discussed in October. The final draft will be submitted to Government by 28 November from a new inbox managed by Oldham Council ([prideinplace@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:prideinplace@oldham.gov.uk)). Given that the projects being recommended for funding are on the Government's list of pre-approved interventions, formal business cases are not mandatory but an option for the Board to consider post-submission.

There was a discussion about how to profile revenue spend, given that some projects will involve both capacity and delivery revenue funding. Whilst the programme is in the early delivery stages, the 4-Year Investment Plan will contain only high-level spend profiles. The Board will be able to revise the Investment Plan profiles any time, using the portal. This is important because project details and milestones are indicative, and priorities could change over the course of the programme.

There was a discussion about how to profile what remains of the capacity revenue funding (c.£101k). The decision was made to profile it across years 0-4 only. The Board will add a footnote to explain that any underspend will be carried forward into a later year (or later years), and that additional funding for project/programme support may be sought from other sources.

Although the capital and revenue funding profile to FY35/36 is largely consistent with the Government's, there could be minor cashflow issues in years 0-4. If other Boards nationally are delaying expenditure until later years, the Board could consider asking Government to reprofile without affecting the overall budget for each town.

Monitoring and evaluation requirements are unconfirmed. Programme audits are possible.

**ACTION:** Laura Windsor-Welsh and Dom Chapman to revisit the milestones for the community grants project.

**ACTION:** Neil Consterdine to speak to Council colleagues about capacity/resource, to assess the likely demand for the pool of surveyors and technicians being put together by Government.

ii) Next steps / submission requirements

The Board will have the flexibility to revise projects and potentially add new projects over time.

The Board will place ongoing community engagement at the core of programme delivery.

Specific activities include running an annual residents' survey; finalising project specifics; and mapping out live and forthcoming projects with partners and stakeholders.

Record of decision: all voting members present approved the submission of the Regeneration Plan with Vision and 4-Year Investment Plan to Government by 28 November 2025.

**ACTION:** Tom Newton to arrange for the residents' survey on Engagement HQ to be taken down, now that Phase 2 engagement has concluded.

**ACTION:** Neil Consterdine to present the draft submission documents to Oldham Council's Management Board and, thereafter, ask Jennifer Penn/Tom Newton to make the submission.

The Chair thanked Dom Chapman and Jennifer Penn for their work to date.

9. Action review / next steps (Chair)

See actions in main body of minutes, plus on the action tracker.

10. Any other business (Chair)

**ACTION:** Laura Windsor-Welsh to share the sign-up link for the Greater Manchester Live Well webinar for anyone interested in learning more about how Live Well aligns with Pride in Place.

**ACTION:** Tom Newton to arrange to meet Board members as part of his induction.

**ACTION:** Tom Newton to speak to Suzy Chapman to arrange a visit to the Imaginarium immersive learning space at Oldham College.

**ACTION:** Laura Windsor-Welsh to share the response to a complaint about progress by the Board.

11. Time and date of next meeting (Chair)

TBC by Tom Newton for Jan/Feb 2026 at Oldham College.

The meeting closed at 14:28.