

## CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD



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

DATE: Monday, 23rd February 2026

TIME: 10:00

VENUE: Oldham College, Rochdale Road, OL9 6AA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Ahmad, Zakir	CEO, Yuvanis Foundation
	Ashraf, Kashif	Oldham President, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce
	Chamberlain, Chris	Chief Executive, Oldham RLFC Foundation
	Chapman, Suzy	Employer Relationship and Business Development Manager, Oldham College
	Consterdine, Neil	Director of Communities, Oldham Council
	Drake, Rebecca	Director, Fullcircle NW
	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
	Coggin, Rob	Neighbourhood Sergeant. Greater Manchester Police
	Maunder, Chris	Co-Director, Thrive

		Economics
	Longsdon, Angela	District Co-ordinator for Oldham West (Werneth and Chadderton), Oldham Council
	Thomas, Ben	Head of Community Services, First Choice Homes (Deputising for Christina Todd)
	Newton, Tom (Minutes)	Place Making Officer, Oldham Council
APOLOGIES RECEIVED	Charlesworth, Cara	Superintendent Operations Oldham, Great Manchester Police
	Freaney, Nicky	NW Group Employer and Partnership Manager, Department for Work and Pensions
	Lockwood, Stuart	Chief Executive, Oldham Community Leisure
	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.

### 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.

ii) Review of minutes and action updates from last meeting

The minutes dated 18th November 2025 we approved as a true record (proposed by Kashif Ashraf and seconded by Aisha Mahmood) and approved for publication online at [oldham.gov.uk](http://oldham.gov.uk)

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

**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:** 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.

**ACTION:** Oldham Council to assess the demand for the pool of surveyors and technicians being put together by Government.

5. National update (Chair / Neil Consterdine)

ii) Feedback on regeneration plan/visit by Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)

The MCHLG visit to Chadderton was successful and thanks was given to board members who supported an excellent tour.

Some initial, informal verbal feedback during the tour suggested our regeneration submission was one of the strongest in north-west. Formal feedback on the Regeneration plan is expected in mid-march.

MCHLG have requested some clarification information regarding future engagement plans, governance structure, risk management, and management costs associated to the programme.

**ACTION:** Respond to MCHLG's questions on engagement plans, governance structures,

Risk Management and management costs.  
Members of the board provided feedback on the Pride in Place network events arranged by MCHLG – key feedback included that, in comparison to other areas in receipt of Pride in Place funding, Chadderton planning is advanced.



## 6. Finance (Chair / Neil Consterdine)

- i) Review of capacity funding spend
- ii) Commitments

MCHLG has brought forward the final capacity building payment (£150K) to within this financial year. The capacity building budget at year end is projected to have a £385K surplus. This will be carried forward into subsequent years. This is the final payment of capacity building budget.

Within the investment plan, the remaining capacity building budget is forecast to be split across the first 2 years. There are costs, such as annual surveys, evaluation, room hire etc are which are expected but further planning is for the costs associated with community engagement, which is paramount to Chadderton Pride in place. Investment in community organisations will be necessary to remove barriers to having a seat at the table.

**ACTION:** Assessment of what financial commitments have been earmarked for the capacity building budget, and identify what commitments are required.

## 7. Engagement and communications – (Tom Newton)

- i) Engagement strategy

A thorough engagement plan is required to meet the objectives of Chadderton Pride in Place.

The engagement strategy should mobilise community networks and have legacy beyond the initial 10-year investment.

Board member Kashif Ashraf is in conversation with Chadderton Football Club who are launching a Chadderton Business Network. This provides an opportunity for the board to support a network of hyper local businesses which can in turn support engagement with local businesses. It was agreed that the board will support the network with some budget towards the first event (£250 towards the catering). The first event is scheduled for 25th March. After which time the support will be reviewed.

It was noted that the board should be mindful of different business network groups across Oldham, and potential over saturation and dilution. Careful consideration should also be given towards ensuring that engagement mechanisms, in partnership with local organisations, does not bear any influence, or carry favour, on funding decision outcomes for the Pride in Place investment.

- ii) Communications plan including promotion of Regeneration Plan

A communications overview outlined the high-level approach ahead of final strategy development. The plan focuses on building local awareness and pride, and driving resident, business and partner engagement.

Early activity will centre on a refreshed web pages, a press release, coordinated social media content and board-member-led video pieces, to be deployed once government approval is confirmed and within pre-election period constraints.

- Ensuring a #lovechadderton handle is used and shared by the board.
- A focus should be on outcomes for residents (EG: leading more more jobs/skills growth opportunities.
- The campaign can be supported beyond the board, EG: Oldham College students can get involved.

ACTION: Tom Newton to coordinate PR announcements in line with board feedback.

ACTION: Tom Newton to share full marketing strategy ahead of next board meeting

#### 8. Logic Model and Evaluation Framework workshop (led by Thrive Economics)

The Board took part in a workshop to develop the Pride in Place logic and evaluation model.

This included the planning of project monitoring, and evaluation of outcomes and long-term impacts.

The session explored identifying critical changes, understanding what success should look like, and how ongoing data collection and engagement can strengthen forward planning.

Following the workshop the Board agreed the workshop was a helpful exercise for shaping ambitions at this early stage, and noted an interest in considering ripple-effect mapping as an additional tool to support future project learning and evaluation.

ACTION: Thrive economics to provide a comprehensive Logic Model and Evaluation plan based on board feedback. To be ready to be signed off by the board by the next meeting.

#### 9. Action review / next steps (Chair)

See actions in main body of minutes.



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## 10. Any other business (Chair)

The Board received an update on community safety concerns at Coalshaw Green Park, where 66 incidents were reported between 1 December 2024 and 11 December 2025, many violent in their nature. Damage to play equipment, including a refurbished slide being set on fire and a broken zip wire, has contributed to residents avoiding the park due to fear.

The Board discussed the opportunity for early visible action, noting that installing CCTV would represent clear action and demonstrate progress. It was agreed that feasibility work, to understand what is possible, should be explored with feedback provided at the next board meeting.

It was also noted that £3,000 of violence-reduction funding, partly assigned to Coalshaw Green Park, is already being directed by local police.

Going forward the Chadderton Neighbourhood board will undertake a series of workshops to support the board in developing governance models, engagement strategies and models of working. The Board supported continuing this this approach.

**ACTION:** Carry out a feasibility check on bringing forward CCTV project and implementing at Coalshaw Green Park.

**ACTION:** Organise a series of workshops to drive forward board governance and decision making processes. Including a focus on the community engagement strategy.

## 11. Time and date of next meeting (Chair)

AGM - Wednesday 29th April 09.00am - 12.00pm  
Venue TBC

The meeting closed at 12:31