

Actions from Council 6 November 2019

ACTION	ISSUE/RESPONSE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED
<p>Cabinet Member Question from Councillor Williamson: question related to primary school placements. A number of years ago Shaw and Crompton Ward Councillors received a briefing and informed that if a family moved into the area there would not be a local primary school placement for them and Councillors asked for input to which schools were to be approached. Councillor Williamson asked if primary school placements were still an issue in Shaw and Crompton and what progress had been made since that meeting to address that issue.</p>	<p>See Note 1 below.</p>	<p>Councillor Mushtaq</p>	<p>3 December 2019</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Question from Councillor Harkness: Councillor Harkness asked if the Council would look into putting weight restrictions and signage in place in the area of Dobcross. Councillor Harkness also advised that residents were petitioning for a 20-mph default speed limit. Councillor Harkness asked if this could be looked at again or at least look at introducing such a scheme for Dobcross.</p>	<p>Lorry Watch should only be carried out in areas that have Environmental weight restrictions in place; however, these are relatively expensive to introduce due to the need to illuminate signs around a cordon and are difficult to resource and enforce by the Police as schemes must be able to both accommodate legitimate delivery access but deter all other HGV's.</p> <p>Initial consideration in Dobcross</p>	<p>Councillor Ali</p>	<p>29 November 2019</p>

	<p>suggests that safely positioning and siting of the required signs may be an issue due to some of the routes not having footways or footways being of substandard width.</p> <p>Lorry watch isn't currently in progress in Delph as some signing issues need rectifying at a cost currently being identified by Traffic Officers.</p> <p>Regarding the introduction of a 20mph Speeds limit strategy for villages in the Saddleworth area. This is something that is currently being considered by traffic engineers and a request for funding from a future year's Capital Programme is being pursued.</p>		
<p>Cabinet Minute question from Councillor Sheldon: Councillor Sheldon asked about flooding and blocked drains. Councillor Sheldon did not believe that grids being emptied once a year was not adequate especially with the leafy lanes in Saddleworth. When grids were blocked they were reported. Councillor Sheldon asked if extra cleaning vehicles could be moved to different parts of the borough to address the grids.</p>	<p>It is acknowledged that certain roads within the borough are more susceptible to flooding than others, during periods of prolonged rainfall or if officers receive severe weather warnings, equipment is diverted in advance to these locations to ensure any surface water can flow into the gulley's.</p> <p>Cleaning gully pots annually is a recognised industry standard and in most cases is more than adequate to prevent silt build ups in gully pots, any increase to</p>	<p>Councillor Ur-Rehman</p>	<p>29 November 2019</p>

	<p>schedules would carry significant additional cost to the council which is felt to be unjustified as our records show that over 95% of flooding incidents over the past four years were down to factors other than blocked gullies.</p>		
<p>Joint Authority questions: related to mental health in Oldham and the issue of nitrous oxide and its long-term effects. Councillor Al-Hamdani asked if there were any statistics on the impact of this on the health of young people in the borough and any additional programmes which assisted in prevention?</p>	<p>See Note 2 Below.</p>	<p>Councillor Harrison</p>	<p>21 November 2019</p>
<p>Administration Motion 1: Better Buses for Greater Manchester</p>	<p>In the Better Buses for Greater Manchester motion that was approved by the full council meeting in November, the council resolved to explain the benefits of bus franchising for Oldham and complete the consultation. This resolution has been delivered through a social media campaign utilising the Combined Authority's communications toolkit. These posts on Twitter and Facebook have been put up regularly and will continue to be until the time the consultation closes in January. They explain that the GMCA</p>	<p>GMCA/Council</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>

	<p>believes that if buses were brought under local control it would improve the way bus services are planned and coordinated. They also direct residents to dedicated pages on the consultation that explain the positive impact of franchising for Greater Manchester and encourage residents to contribute their views.</p> <p>Write to GM Mayor</p> <p>Response from GM Mayor dated 19 Dec 2019 received 23 Dec 2019</p>	Chief Executive	14 November 2019
Administration Motion 2: Free Personal Care	<p>Write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care</p> <p>Write to three local MPs</p> <p>Response from A Rayner MP dated 20 Dec 2019 received 23 Dec 2019</p> <p>Response from J McMahon MP dated 20 Dec 2019 received 23 Dec 2019</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>18 December 2019</p> <p>18 December 2019</p>
Opposition Motion 1: Clean Air Outside Our Schools	Referred to O&S Board	O&S Board	In progress. To be linked to the GM Clean Air Plan.
Opposition Motion 2: Anti-Bullying Week 2019 'Change Starts with Us'	<p>Communicate with Schools in Oldham about packs for primary and secondary schools</p> <p>Sign up as a supporter of Anti-</p>	<p>People Services</p>	<p>In progress.</p> <p>In progress.</p>

	<p>Bullying week; Joint UK-wide Anti-Bullying Alliance; Develop Anti-bullying training programme for Councillors and review current Council policy; Adopt Anti-Bullying Alliances definition of bullying and encourage staff to undertake online training module – From an HR perspective a standalone employment policy in relation to harassment, bullying and victimisation will be drafted early in the new year. This would go through various channels for approval, i.e. officers, trades unions, Council). Subject to approval, communication and training/development activities will be reviewed to support this.</p> <p>Access to Anti-Bullying Alliance website from the Council website and a link to the ACAS on the policy webpage</p> <p>Build on #Stop work done by Oldham Youth Council</p>	<p>Webteam</p> <p>Youth Council</p>	<p>Already in place.</p> <p>The Youth Council and the Youth Voice Family will be working over the next year on Anti-Bullying work and posters. As part of Anti-Bullying week the Youth Council will be redoing the campaign and updating the posters used. These will be sent to schools and youth groups as well as over social media.</p>
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Opposition Motion 3: Take the Franchise Off Northern Rail	Write to the Secretary of State for Transport	Chief Executive	18 December 2019
Update on the Actions from Council	RESOLVED that the update on Actions from Council be noted.	Council	Council noted the report on 6 th November 2019
2018/2019 Annual Statement of Accounts	RESOLVED that the Council's final accounts position for 2018/19, the Statement of Accounts, the Audit Completion Report and the Annual Audit Letter be noted.	Council	Council noted the report on 6 th November 2019
Polling District and Polling Place Review 2019	RESOLVED that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Polling District Review which incorporated changes considered appropriate be approved. 2. The proposed changes to polling districts and polling districts incorporating the recommendations as attached at Appendix A in respect of Chadderton North, Failsworth East and Werneth be approved. 3. The Chief Executive, as Returning Officer, in consultation with Group Leaders, be authorised to identify an alternative polling station, if necessary, for any other polling stations unavailable on the date of the election. 	Council	Council approved the report on 6 th November 2019
Welfare Reform Update	RESOLVED that the Welfare Reform Update be noted.	Council	Council noted the report on 6 th November 2019

Revision of Byelaws under Section 19 of the Public Libraries & Museums Act 1964	RESOLVED that the byelaws made under Section 19 of the Public Libraries & Museum Act, 1964 as amended and updated as detailed in Appendix 1b to the report be approved.	Council	Council approved the report on 6 th November 2019
Review of JNC Pink Book Youth Workers Grading Structure	RESOLVED that the revised JNC Pink Book Youth Workers grading structure, as outlined in Section 3 of the report, be adopted with an effective implementation date of 1 st September 2019.	Council	Council approved the report on 6 th November 2019

Note 1: Councillor Williamson Cabinet Member Question, Primary School Places - Last year Oldham Council's Labour leadership committed to growing our borough's good and outstanding schools, so that all of our children have the opportunity to receive an excellent education and start in life. To that end we have invested £37m to build capacity across the borough. When assessing capacity needs for school places, Shaw and Crompton are considered with Royton. In this area there are spaces in several schools from Reception through to year 4 at an average of around 50 per year group. There are also spaces in years 5 and 6 although not as many and in fewer schools. Capacity was increased through the expansion of East Crompton St Georges Primary in 2014/15. Officers continue to assess the need for school places as populations change, and future proof our capacity accordingly, including considering plans like the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework. Schools in Oldham have suffered significant cuts since the coalition government took power in 2010, with almost all experiencing substantial drops in per pupil funding. Nationally, 83% of schools face further cuts next year under current Conservative spending plans. While the council have made substantial commitments to improving the state of our schools, delivering lasting improvement across the board and giving proper control to local authorities to account for changing capacity needs will best be achieved if Labour are able to implement their planned National Education Service after 12th December.

Note 2: Councillor Al-Hamdani Question, Health and Wellbeing Board Minutes, Item 11: Suicide Prevention Update - The Psychoactive Substances Act (PSA) has had a significant impact on the visible distribution of Psychoactive Substances across the Oldham borough. Prior to the Act a large number of shops (Head Shops) were openly selling substances to members of the public, including young people. Since the implementation of the Act all of these premises have closed or ceased to trade. It's accepted that Psychoactive Substances Act has only been partially successful in achieved its aim and the sale of psychoactive substances on the internet is still easily accessible and this includes Nitrous Oxide canisters. There has been multi agency work conducted across the partnership with Community Safety Services, Trading Standards & Police to target retailers selling Nitrous Oxide over the counter but reducing sales to young people is problematic due to

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continued availability of Nitrous Oxide online. Data on the health effects of nitrous oxide is very limited. Information provided by OASIS (Young Peoples Substance Misuse Service) indicates that numbers of young people entering treatment and specifying psychoactive substance use were less than 1% of all new treatment journeys recorded. The use of Nitrous Oxide falls into this category and this is in line with the national average. There is limited evidence that continued and excessive use of Nitrous Oxide impacts directly on mental health of individuals and being able to attribute mental ill health/poor mental wellbeing to nitrous oxide use is difficult. Engagement using a harm minimisation approach with young people in the community in order to educate and challenging risk of continued use is most appropriate intervention for the vast majority. This is due to the majority of young people using Nitrous Oxide recreationally and not presenting to substance misuse of mental health services directly. The service specification for the new young people's substance misuse and sexual health service (which will be out to tender this week as part of the targeted youth contract) places an emphasis on the specialist service working proactively with detached youth workers to reach young people using substances, including nitrous oxide. In summary, the use of Nitrous Oxide locally is recognised however there is limited information about the impact on young people's physical, emotional and mental health as the majority of young people using nitrous oxide do not present to drug services or mental health (CAMHS) services. Engagement using a harm minimisation approach with young people in the community in order to educate and challenging risk of continued use is most appropriate intervention for the vast majority.

Previous to 6 November 2019 Council:			
ACTION	RESPONSE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED
Opposition Business 1: Keeping Our Villages and Rural Areas HGV Free (12 Sept 2018)	Overview and Scrutiny to examine the merits of establishing a lorry watch scheme	O&S Board	In progress. Lorry watch isn't currently in progress in Delph as some signing issues need rectifying at a cost currently being identified by Traffic Officers.
Leader and Cabinet Member Question: Cllr Hudson re Dawson's Field (20 March 2019)	Lease signed.	Cllr Judd	18 December 2019

<p>Opposition Motion 1: Tackling Dog Fouling and Nuisance (20 March 2019)</p>	<p>Consultation be undertaken on application of maximum on the spot penalty and O&S Board asked to examine current examples of best practice and confer with the Dog Trust</p>	<p>People & Place / O&S Board</p>	<p>The motion was taken to the O&S Board at the meeting held on 18 June 2019. The Board has requested that initial investigations be made into examples of best practice and the potential contribution of the Dogs Trust and the matter be considered further at the next meeting in conjunction with the work programme. A further briefing note was discussed at the O&S Board on 23 July. Officers requested a member to work with officers to explore campaign material and initiatives. Councillor Curley agreed to work with officers.</p>
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<p>Opposition Motion 2: Tackling Speeding (20 March 2019)</p>	<p>O&S Board asked to identify locations, explore availability of funding, investigate how to work with residents' groups and explore establishing 'bus gates'</p>	<p>O&S Board</p>	<p>The motion was taken to the O&S Board meeting held on 18 June 2019. The Board requested further information and evidence be sought on the issues raised in the Motion including the potential for further work with the police and the community, and the matter be considered further at the next meeting in conjunction with the work programme. The O&S Board again discussed the motion on 23 July 2019. A workshop was held on 24 Sep 2019. Three areas are to be explored further and reported back to the O&S Board.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Question from Cllr C Gloster re Safety Cameras to Cllr Ur-Rehman (10 July 2019)</p>	<p>Upgrade of Safety Cameras; See Note 1 below.</p>	<p>Councillor Ur-Rehman</p>	<p>23 December 2019</p>
<p>Opposition Motion 1: Making a Commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (10 July 2019)</p>	<p>Replicate as far as possible to identify work being done and what more can be done by the Council and its partners.</p> <p>O&S Board discussed the motion at the meeting held on 23 July 2019. The Board requested information be sent to relevant officers for a report to be brought back to the O&S Board.</p>	<p>O&S Board and Health Scrutiny</p>	<p>In progress.</p>

Opposition Motion 3: Adopting the Fair Tax Declaration (10 July 2019)	Sign the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration	Head of Corporate Governance	In progress.
Councillor Sykes Question 2: GMSF – Arrangement for Extraordinary Council Meeting (11 Sep 2019)	Arrange meeting to discuss GMSF to discuss proposals	Constitutional Services	In progress.
Opposition Motion 3: Ban on Fast Food and Energy Drinks Advertising (11 Sep 2019)	Referred to O&S Board	O&S Board	The motion has been referred to Health Scrutiny. This will be discussed at the meeting to be held on 7 January 2020.

Note 1: Upgrade of Safety Cameras

TFGM provided the following information:

“Safety camera housings in Greater Manchester are a Local Highway Authority (LHA) asset. Unlike other areas in England, LHA’s such as Oldham (e.g. GM Districts) are not currently required to contribute towards the cost of day-to-day maintenance of fixed roadside safety camera assets. The local Safer Roads Partnership – Safer Roads GM (SRGM) is currently able to do so on behalf of GM Districts. SRGM coordinates these maintenance activities for over 230 fixed roadside safety camera housings.

Note that SRGM is not a legal entity and is therefore not able to own assets. Following clarification on the legal mechanism and funding model at a national level in late 2017; SRGM is only able to fund revenue activities on a cost recovery basis. E.g. periodic inspections; maintenance repairs; individual component replacement; and energy etc. As the owner of the asset, GM Districts retain overall responsibility for asset management and replacement.

Recognising that wet-film technology was beginning to be replaced by digital enforcement, SRGM has proactively assisted GM Districts and GMP by leading on multiple phases of safety camera digitisation since 2007. Given the significantly higher costs involved in digitisation, and no funding being available from GM Districts, legacy upgrades programmes were prioritised at a GM level based on the red-amber-green (RAG) ranking of the housings. Previous phases of digitisation have put GM in a stronger position than other police force areas where there may have been a greater reliance on wet-film.

The decision to begin to withdraw support for wet-film technology was not ultimately within GMP’s control. Support for the maintenance of wet-film safety camera housings; and processing & development equipment became increasingly challenging towards the end of 2018, as did the availability of high-volume exposure 35mm wet-film.

Since 2006 regular updates on safety camera housing assets have been shared with via SRGM with GM Districts, or their highways delivery partners to raise awareness of District ownership of the safety camera housing asset including condition and other details. As safety camera housings are a local authority asset, they should be included within Oldham's highways asset management register.

During summer 2019 - TfGM, on behalf of all GM Districts and GMP, was successful in gaining programme entry approval to the Mayor's Challenge Fund to upgrade and digitise GM safety camera housings including Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and/or average speed-based technology where applicable and feasible. Work has commenced to develop the full business case and the funding will be subject to the approval of the business case by the GMCA.

The above information does not prevent individual GM Districts from working in partnership to prioritise investment in their roadside safety camera housing assets. This has been the case in recent years on a smaller number of occasions in GM where a wet-film safety cameras housing has been upgraded as part of a GM District highway improvement scheme. In many other parts of England investment is prioritised from budgets available to Local Highway Authorities.

In relation to which safety camera housings have been upgraded, whilst this information has been provided to officer(s) within the Unity Partnership, Oldham may decide that it is not in the interest of public safety to release detail information on a site-specific basis.

Regardless of the technology used at specific sites, with a finite capacity for enforcement, the police generally rely on the perception by drivers that safety camera housings could be active at any time (as deployment is prioritised based on intelligence and safety rankings). If site specific information was disclosed, then drivers could be given access to information allowing them to know when or where they can and cannot pass this specific sites at a speed above the statutory limit; or fail to stop at traffic signals where red-light safety camera housings are located. Disclosing information would render the purpose of the safety camera housings obsolete and may have a detrimental effect on safety. the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) decision was to maintain the exemption to a similar Freedom of Information (FOI) request."

In his role as cabinet member for neighbourhood services Councillor Ur-Reham will continue working with colleagues in Oldham and across GM boroughs to encourage the upgrading of speed cameras wherever possible, with an emphasis on sites in our borough where there a significant risk is posed by dangerous driving.