



Oldham
Council

PVFM

Date: 25 June 2022

Subject:

Creating a Better Place - Programme Review Principles

For Discussion

Report of:

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Portfolio holder:

Cllr Sean Fielding

Presentation format for discussion with PVFM Members

Executive Summary -

'Creating a Better Place' strategic framework was approved by Cabinet in January 2020 (paper attached), before the Covid-19 pandemic arrived in the UK.

Creating a Better Place focuses on building more homes for our residents, creating new jobs through town centre regeneration, and ensuring Oldham is a great place to visit with lots of family friendly and accessible places to go.

In light of the pandemic, the Council has had to respond with the provision of significant funding support to ensure the safety and welfare of Oldham's local communities.

This has resulted in a serious funding impact on the Council's financial plans, and therefore we are seeking comments and endorsement on the proposed review principles to consider whether:

- the programme is able to respond to support the post-CV19 recovery plans,
- the use of public capital funds is still justified, and
- the original savings proposals are at risk or could be accelerated / enhanced in any way to reduce the demands and pressures being considered on service baseline budget allocations.