



**Oldham**  
Council

**Briefing Note to Policy O&S Committee**

**Scrutiny of implementation of the Covid Recovery Plan**

**Chair of Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee:** Councillor  
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## Background

At its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> June, the Committee received a report seeking comments on the draft Covid Recovery Plan 2021-2022, prior to the Plan being submitted to the Cabinet and then Full Council for approval and formal ratification.

The Committee was informed that the Council's annual business planning process would be the mechanism to assure delivery against the Recovery Plan actions and that quarterly reporting via the Corporate Performance Report would provide progress updates against identified actions and measures.

The Committee discussed potential ways in which progress could be monitored by Overview and Scrutiny and RESOLVED that the Chair and Vice Chair meet with Officers to discuss this prior to the next meeting of the Committee.

That meeting took place on 19<sup>th</sup> July and following consideration of the terms of reference of both the Policy and Performance Committees it was determined appropriate for the Performance Committee to consider quarterly updates as part of its role *"to monitor and hold to account the performance of service delivery within Oldham Council...with particular reference to the Corporate Plan and all other strategic plans."*

It was determined that any matters felt relevant to consider as part of the Policy Committees TORs (**Appendix 1**) could be referred to the Chair/ Vice Chair of the Policy Committee via the Chair/Vice Chair of the Performance Committee, minutes of its meetings and/or the Head of Strategy and Performance.

## Recommendations

- (1) That quarterly performance reports in respect of delivery against the Recovery Plan be presented to the Performance Committee in line with its terms of reference
- (2) That, in fitting with its terms of reference, any matter appropriate for the Policy Committee to consider, via scrutiny of the quarterly performance report, be directed to it by the Chair/Vice Chair of the Performance Committee, through minutes of its meetings and/or the Head of Strategy and Performance.

## Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- a) To lead the development of the overview and scrutiny process in Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council, including responsibility for Member development with regard to overview and scrutiny.
- b) To undertake strategic level scrutiny (having regard to the Prioritisation Framework where relating to significant policy/service change or an area of public or local interest) relating to:
  - Oldham Council;
  - Wholly owned Local Authority Companies;
  - Strategic Partners and Partnerships;
  - Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) and the city region generally;
  - Education (ensuring there is appropriate statutory representation of co-opted members);
  - Community issues which would include crime and disorder, cohesion, housing and environment and regeneration issues etc.; and
  - Area based issues.
- c) To develop proposals for submission to the Cabinet and/or to scrutinize proposals of the Cabinet in respect of Policy Framework items, such items being as described at Article 4.1 to the Council Constitution.
- d) To develop proposals for submission to the Cabinet and/or to scrutinize proposals of the Cabinet in respect of the Budget and related strategies etc., such items being as described at Article 4.1 to the Council Constitution.
- e) To be the designated 'crime and disorder' committee pursuant to s19 of the Police and Crime Act 2006.
- f) To establish Task and Finish groups, Inquiries etc to give in depth consideration to issues within the purview of the Committee.
- g) To consider all Call-Ins (with the exception of called in business from the Commissioning Partnership Board) (In the event a call-in related to an education issue, the statutory co-optees would be invited to participate in that matter at the meeting).
- h) To consider relevant matters referred from Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.11(g).
- i) To make recommendations to the Cabinet or to any partner organisation on issues scrutinised relevant to those bodies, and where appropriate, direct to Council.

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